



PETROGENESIS OF GARNET AND SPINEL PERIDOTITES

A study with particular reference to the role of chromium  
in geothermometry and geobarometry.

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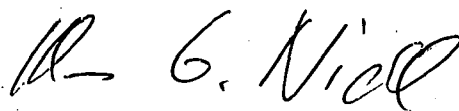
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*You delight in laying down laws,  
Yet you delight more in breaking them.  
Like children playing by the ocean who build sand-towers  
With constancy and then destroy them with laughter.  
But while you build your sand-towers the ocean  
Brings more sand to the shore, And when you destroy them  
The ocean laughs with you.*

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ABSTRACT

Spinel and garnet peridotites are the dominant rock types of the upper mantle. Petrography, mineralogy, bulk rock and mineral chemistry of spinel lherzolites from inclusions in basanites in Victoria, Australia were studied to provide evidence for their petrogenesis and relation to host rocks and to other xenolithic rock types occurring within these host rocks. Experimental studies in ultramafic systems were carried out to infer P,T conditions of the origin of garnet peridotites, particularly those of xenolithic occurrence in kimberlites reported in the literature, to investigate the relation between garnet and spinel peridotites and to give clues to the relation between host rocks, garnet peridotites and simultaneously occurring xenoliths, megacrysts and minerals.

Ultramafic inclusions from two neighbouring localities in Victoria, Australia (Lake Bullenmerri and Mt Leura) include spinel lherzolites with and without hydrous phases, wehrlites, pyroxenites and hornblendites. Mineral chemistry provides evidence for equilibrium crystallization for individual nodules at a depth near 45 km but over a range of temperatures. Temperature estimates yield systematic differences between anhydrous assemblages > phlogopite-bearing assemblages > amphibole-bearing assemblages. Bulk rock variation of MgO, CaO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and compatible element contents in lherzolite and harzburgite has been modelled as an early partial melting event, giving rise to various degrees of depletion. The extracted liquid was of picritic composition.

Amphiboles in spinel lherzolites are developed independently of the early partial melting event and postdate it. They crystallized as a response to near-isochemical metamorphic reaction, consequent on addition of water. The hydration events predate but are not precursor conditions for production of basanite. Hydration-metasomatism occurs in the uppermost mantle above the LVZ, but this is most probably not the region of formation

of the alkaline magmas. The emplacement and passage of alkaline magmas through the lithosphere/upper mantle may be the cause of local metasomatism and hydration.

Wehrlites, pyroxenites, some lherzolites, and hornblendites are precipitates from magmas fractionating and/or crystallizing at mantle depths. Observable wallrock reaction is extremely restricted (about 1 cm) as evidenced by composite xenoliths.

Experiments in the systems  $\text{CaO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  (CMAS) and  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CaO-Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  (SMACCR) show that spinel and garnet in peridotitic assemblages are related by an univariant reaction in the CMAS system, but coexist with each other over a range of P,T conditions in the SMACCR system. Both the width and location of this field in P,T space is dependent on the Cr/Cr+Al ratio of the bulk composition.

Temperature estimates for assemblages containing two pyroxenes by the method of Wells (1977) give satisfactory results for the range of 1000-1400°C and 15-40 kb in all systems studied (CMAS, SMACCR and multicomponent "natural" systems). Doubts on the accuracy of this thermometer exist particularly at low temperatures (<900°C), but for most xenolithic occurrences of natural garnet lherzolites, temperatures may be estimated by this method with considerable confidence.

Cr-Al distributions between ortho- and clinopyroxene as well as between pyroxenes and spinel show a regular behaviour in the SMACCR system, independent of pressure and temperature. The Cr-Al exchange between garnet and spinel is sensitive to temperature in the SMACCR system above 1200°C and a thermometer based on this reaction has been calibrated for the simple system. Experiments in multicomponent systems show however strong compositional dependencies of this reaction, rendering it as of no use for practical geothermometry.

The solubility of both  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene coexisting with garnet and clinopyroxene is dependent on pressure, temperature and

composition of the coexisting phases. By both thermodynamic reasoning and empirical curve-fitting these dependencies have been modelled in the CMAS and SMACCR systems, resulting in barometric expressions for these systems. The results have been combined with recent experimental investigations in Fe-bearing systems and two independent empirical geobarometers were calibrated, giving satisfactory and consistent results when applied to experiments in multicomponent systems and natural garnet lherzolites.

P,T estimates for various suites of garnet lherzolite xenoliths show differing distributions of P and T conditions of equilibration for different provinces and host rocks. Low temperature xenoliths ( $<1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) from South Africa and Russia outline a geotherm comparable to steady-state geotherms for continental shields. High-temperature xenoliths ( $>1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) from South Africa are derived from a narrow pressure interval around 48-51 kb, covering a range of temperatures from 1100-1400 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Russian samples with transitional temperatures (1050-1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) indicate a parallel trend to South African xenoliths. Garnet lherzolites from lamprophyre (Four-Corners area, southwestern U.S.A.) equilibrated over a range of  $\approx 1000$ -1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at a narrow pressure range around 36-39 kb. Samples from oceanic environments (Solomon Islands), young continental areas (N.S.W., Australia) and the Ile Bizard locality (Canada) show P,T conditions of equilibration in agreement for estimates of P,T conditions for oceanic upper mantle based on heat-flow data or convecting mantle models.

The data on P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from South Africa have been combined with melting studies on peridotitic systems and liquidus studies on kimberlite to infer conditions of 160-180 km depths and 1400-1500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the origin of South African kimberlites. Megacrysts and cumulates found in those kimberlites are precipitates from pre-dating magmas fractionating and/or crystallizing at mantle depths. Diamonds crystallized from pre-dating magmas at conditions close to the graphite-



diamond boundary (900-1300°C, 40-55 kb). Megacrysts, cumulates and diamonds are probably related to kimberlitic magmas, but are xenolithic/xenocrystic to the host kimberlite.

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GLOSSARY OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREIVATIONS USED IN THE TEXT

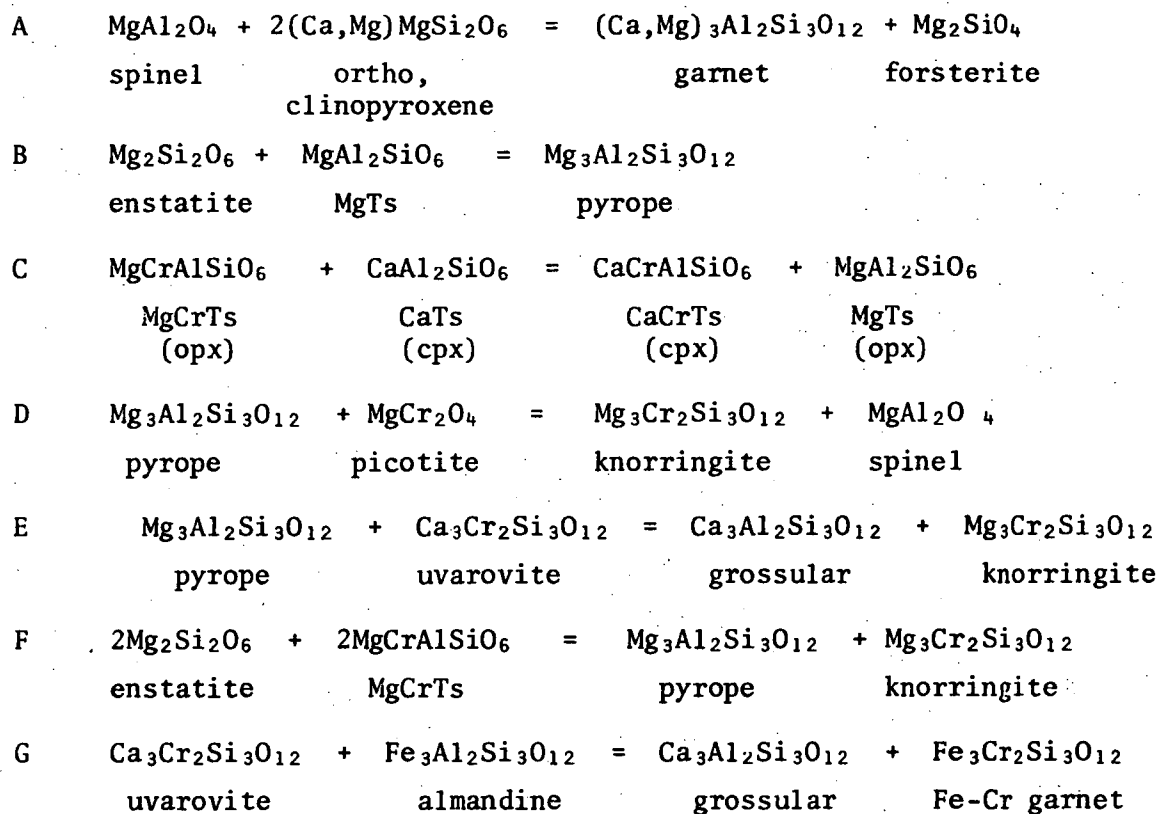
I. Abbreviations of mineral names

amph	amphibole
ap	apatite
CaCrTs	calcium-chromium-tschermaks molecule ( $\text{CaCrAlSiO}_6$ ) in clinopyroxene
CaTs	calcium-aluminium-tschermaks molecule ( $\text{CaAl}_2\text{SiO}_6$ )
cpx	clinopyroxene
di	diopside
en	enstatite
fo	forsterite
gr	grossular
gt	garnet
ilm	ilmenite
kn	knorringite
MgCrTs	magnesium-chromium-tschermaks molecule ( $\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6$ )
MgTs	magnesium-aluminium-tschermaks molecule ( $\text{MgAl}_2\text{SiO}_6$ )
ol	olivine
opx	orthopyroxene
pi	picotite
py	pyrope
phlo	phlogopite
sp	spinel
uv	uvarovite

II. General expressions

Ca'	molar $\text{Ca}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Mg})$ (x 100)
CFMAS	chemical system $\text{CaO}-\text{FeO}-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$
CMAS	chemical system $\text{CaO}-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$
Cr'	molar $\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{Al})$ (x 100)
FMAS	chemical system $\text{FeO}-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$
MAS	chemical system $\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$
Mg'	molar $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})$ (x 100)
P	pressure
SGL	seeded glass-type starting material
SMACCR	chemical system $\text{SiO}_2-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{CaO}-\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$
SOGP	starting material made from sintered oxides + pure pyrope (garnet) + pure picotite (spinel).
SSO	seeded sintered oxide starting material

### III. Reactions



### IV. Symbols used in thermodynamic expressions

$a_i^j$	activity of component i in phase j
$dG_{1,T}^{(I)}$	standard state free energy change of reaction (I) at 1 bar and temperature of interest (cal/mol)
$dG_{P,T}^{(I)}$	standard state free energy change of reaction (I) at pressure and temperature of interest (cal/mol)
$dG_{\text{rec}}^{(I)}$	standard state free energy change of cross-site (reciprocal) reaction (I) at 1 bar and temperature of interest (cal/mol)
$dH^{(I)}$	standard state enthalpy change of reaction (I) at 1 bar and temperature of interest (cal/mol)
$dH_{\text{rec}}^{(I)}$	standard state enthalpy of cross-site (reciprocal) reaction (I) at 1 bar and temperature of interest (cal/mol)
$dS^{(I)}$	entropy change of reaction (I) at temperature of interest (cal/mol K = e.u.)
$dS_{\text{rec}}^{(I)}$	entropy change of cross-site (reciprocal) reaction (I) at temperature of interest (cal/mol K = e.u.)
$dV_r$	standard molar volume change of reaction
$\gamma$	activity coefficient
$H_{f,298}^i$	enthalpy of formation from the elements of phase i at 298.15 K

$K(I)$	equilibrium constant of reaction (I)
$K_D(I)$	distribution coefficient for reaction (I)
$R$	universal gas constant 1.987
$S_{298}^i$	entropy of formation of phase i from the elements at 298.15 K
$V_i^0$	standard molar volume of phase i at 298.15 K
$W_{i-j}$	interaction parameter for non-ideal interactions between elements i and j
$x_i^j$	mole fraction of component/element i in phase/site j.

## INTRODUCTION

Although ultramafic xenoliths had long been known and studied, the suggestion that they may represent samples of the Earth's mantle (Wagner, 1928) gave them additional interest and possible significance. Based on the petrography, mineralogy, bulk rock chemistry and mineral chemistry of ultramafic xenoliths, models have been proposed on the vertical and lateral characteristics of the upper mantle.

Within the last two decades an increasing recognition of the complexity of this stratum has developed from studies on lherzolite inclusions in both kimberlites and basaltic rocks. The first part of this thesis is such a study of upper mantle samples from Victoria, Australia.

The study of xenoliths can document phase relationships and provide some information on relationships between rock types. However, the xenolithic character of the lherzolites and their transport within host magmas or intrusive breccias means that we do not have any *a priori* information on the depths of origin. Without this information the xenoliths cannot be used to establish the detailed nature of the Earth's upper mantle. The logical and historical way of achieving this is to study phase relations and their sensitivity to pressure and temperature, using the methods of experimental petrology and thermodynamics.

The  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of orthopyroxene coexisting with garnet is known to be sensitive to both temperature and pressure. Early experimental studies in both simple and complex systems nearly two decades ago (Boyd & England, 1964; Green & Ringwood, 1967) have been followed by many studies in order to experimentally calibrate a geobarometer.

There are two principal ways to calibrate such a geobarometer:

(a) calibrate the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of orthopyroxene in simple systems with few chemical components, or (b) to experiment with natural systems. Experimental studies on multicomponent systems such as "pyrolite" (Green & Ringwood, 1967,

1970) have the advantage of being closest to assemblages found in garnet lherzolite xenoliths, but do have significant disadvantages:

- (1) due to the complexity it is very difficult to resolve the effects of any single chemical component on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene;
- (2) in order to gain enough analyzable grains of pyroxenes and garnet, natural chemical systems are often removed from estimates of actual mantle compositions (e.g. "pyrolite - 40% olivine", Green & Ringwood, 1967, 1970);
- (3) as evidenced by the chemical variability of garnet lherzolite nodules from kimberlites and spinel lherzolites from basaltic rocks (cf. Proceedings of the International Kimberlite Conferences 1-3, 1975, 1979, in prep.), the upper mantle is not chemically homogeneous and thus there is no unique chemical composition appropriate for experiments.

The method of calibration of a barometer from simple systems allows the experimenter to investigate the effect of a given chemical component on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene and treat this data thermodynamically. On the other hand, this approach has the disadvantage of using chemical compositions which are removed from those of natural rocks. Extrapolations of data from simple systems always have the inherent danger of being misinterpretations because of the possible effects of chemical components which are not present in the simple systems, but which are components of the natural rock.

In consequence it is necessary to increase the complexity of simple systems in a stepwise manner to understand the effects of chemical components and to cross-check the results with those from natural systems. The past two decades have thus seen numerous experimental studies in simple systems of differing complexity, namely  $\text{MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  (MAS) (Arima & Onuma, 1977; Boyd & England, 1964; Danckwerth & Newton, 1979; Hensen & Essene, 1971; Howells & O'Hara, 1975, 1978; Lane & Ganguly, 1980; McGregor, 1974; Perkins *et al.*, 1981),  $\text{CaO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  (CMAS) (Akella, 1976; Howells & O'Hara, 1978; Perkins & Newton, 1980),  $\text{FeO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  (FMAS) (Harley, 1981;



Harley & Green, 1982; Holdaway, 1976; Wood, 1974), and  $\text{CaO-FeO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  (CFMAS) (Akella & Boyd, 1973, 1974; Ellis & Green, 1979; Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982; Hensen, 1973; Wood, 1974).

The present study follows this method of increasing the complexity of simple systems by the addition of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  to CMAS; the system is thus  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CaO-Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  (SMACCR). The addition of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  to the system is a further necessary step towards natural mantle compositions, because most spinels and garnets in lherzolites contain Cr as a major component. The system SMACCR also provides the means to investigate possible effects of Cr on the Ca-Mg exchange between pyroxenes and to put constraints on the accuracy of thermometers based on this reaction (Wells, 1977; Wood & Banno, 1973; Lindsley *et al.*, 1981). Furthermore Cr-Al exchange reactions are investigated with reference to their potential as independent thermometers or barometers.

Uncertainties of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents of orthopyroxenes in the system CMAS (Howells & O'Hara, 1978) necessitated some additional experiments in this system.

The data from CMAS and SMACCR were then combined with a recent study on FMAS and CFMAS to obtain an empirical expression for geobarometry and geothermometry in the CFMASCR system. Finally, this expression was subject to testing by an experimental study in two complex model mantle compositions with different Cr/Al ratios.

The study then returns to natural peridotites, particularly the garnet peridotites occurring as xenoliths in kimberlites and other basaltic rocks, applying the experimental results and the thermodynamic analysis of these results to deduce the conditions of crystallization of these samples and thus to infer the P,T conditions existing in the upper mantle. On the basis of these inferred P,T conditions the relations between lherzolites and host rocks are discussed and a model for the genesis of kimberlites and diamonds is presented.

## PART I

ULTRAMAFIC XENOLITHS FROM LAKE BULLENMERRI AND MT LEURA (VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA)  
AND THEIR BEARING ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE CONTINENTAL UPPER MANTLE.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The xenoliths and megacrysts found in the Pliocene-recent Victorian Newer Volcanics have attracted much attention in recent years because of their abundance and great variety. Work has been carried out concentrating on various aspects including isotope studies (Cooper & Green, 1969; Dasch & Green, 1975), uranium distribution (Kleeman *et al.*, 1969), and on various types - e.g. megacrysts (Irving, 1974a), pyroxene-rich xenoliths (Irving, 1974b; Ellis, 1976), lherzolites (Frey & Green, 1974), composite xenoliths (Irving, 1980), as well as their host basalts (Frey *et al.*, 1978; Green, 1973a; Irving & Green, 1976).

These papers have shown that the lherzolites represent accidental xenoliths brought up from the mantle and that the pyroxene-rich xenoliths are high pressure precipitates from either the host magma or preceding magmas.

In a series of papers, Green (e.g. 1973a,b) emphasized the role of water in the genesis of undersaturated basaltic magmas and the implications of the high pressure limit of amphibole stability (Green & Ringwood, 1967b; Lambert & Wyllie, 1968; Green, 1970) to the presence of the low velocity zone, the migration of a water-rich fluid phase in the mantle and the crystallization of amphibole within the lithosphere and particularly at its base. Recent papers on hydrous phases and on metasomatism in the upper mantle (e.g. Best, 1975; Boettcher & O'Neil, 1980; Carswell, 1975; Embey-Isztin, 1976; Francis, 1976a,b; Kesson & Price, 1972; Lloyd & Bailey, 1975; Dawson & Smith, 1982; Mengel *et al.*, 1982; Menzies & Murthy, 1980; Roden *et al.*, 1982; Varne, 1970; Wass, 1980; Wass *et al.*, 1980; Wass & Rogers, 1980; Wilshire *et al.*, 1980; Wilshire & Trask, 1971) have studied and interpreted the role of amphibole and phlogopite in upper mantle xenoliths and there are differing views on the relationship of such hydrous phases to magma genesis and on the pervasive or local character of amphibole-producing metasomatism.

Amphibole and phlogopite have been reported as rare or minor phases in xenoliths from the Newer Volcanics (Ellis, 1976; Frey & Green, 1974; Wass & Irving, 1976), but recently Hollis (1981) and Sutherland & Hollis (1982) reported localities at the maar-type volcanoes Lake Bullenmerri and Lake Gnotuk, at which amphibole-bearing xenoliths are dominant. The present work describes xenoliths from Lake Bullenmerri and nearby Mt Leura, concentrating on petrography, mineral and bulk rock chemistry and the use of these data to deduce a model of mantle evolution beneath the eruption centres.

The location of the two volcanoes is shown in fig. 1 and the geologic setting has been described by Grayson & Mahoney (1910) and Singleton & Joyce (1969).

## 2. PETROGRAPHY AND MINERALOGY

### 2.1 HOST ROCKS

The Newer Volcanics province shows a large range of magma types, including quartz tholeiite, olivine tholeiite, olivine basalt, alkali olivine basalt, hawaiiite, K-rich hawaiiite, nepheline basanite, transitional olivine analcinite, olivine hawaiiite and nepheline mugearite. The rocks were described and data on their chemistry were given by Irving & Green (1976), and earlier papers quoted therein.

At both Lake Bullenmerri and Mt Leura the host rocks to the xenoliths are vesicular basanites (table 1) containing small zoned olivine and uncommon clinopyroxene phenocrysts in a groundmass of clinopyroxene, olivine, plagioclase, ilmenite, nepheline, apatite and glass. Unusually large, discrete crystals (termed megacrysts) of amphibole, clinopyroxene and anorthoclase have reaction rims against groundmass. Amphibole is relatively common in Lake Bullenmerri samples.

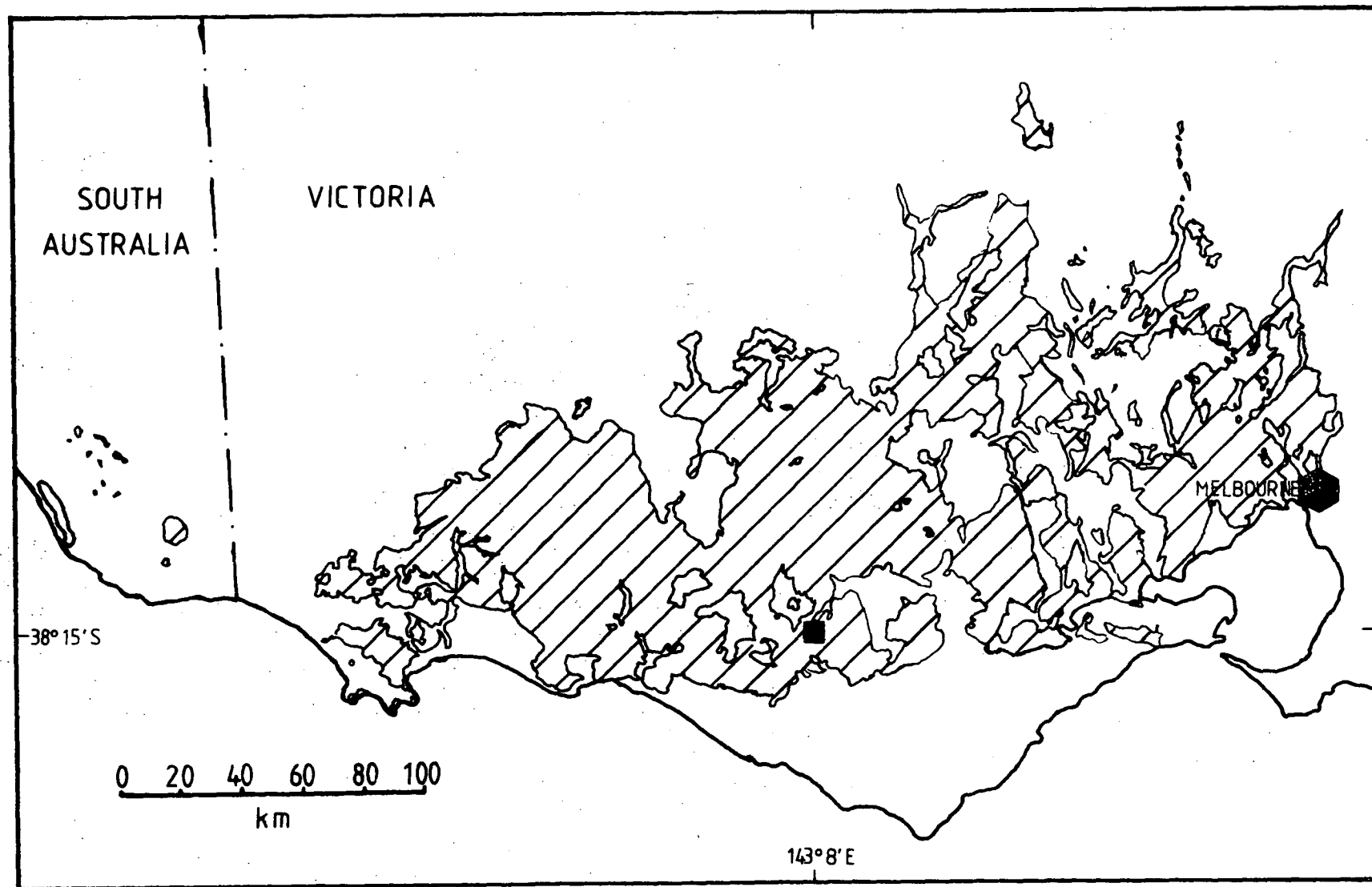


Figure 1: Sample location. The hatched area is the outline of the Newer Volcanics according to Singleton & Joyce (1969). The black square marks the position of both Lake Bullenmerri (a maar) and Mt Leura (a composite cinder cone).

Table 1: Chemical analyses of host rocks,  
normalised to 100%, volatile-free.

	Mt Leura	Lake Bullenmerri
	no.2650*	BMH-9
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.0	44.87
TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.2	2.99
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.0	13.01
FeO*	13.0	12.25
MnO	0.2	0.17
MgO	9.9	13.01
CaO	8.5	6.74
Na <sub>2</sub> O	4.1	3.67
K <sub>2</sub> O	2.2	2.31
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.1	0.84
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.08
NiO	0.05	0.06
or	13.0	13.65
ab	14.5	13.77
an	10.6	12.21
ne	11.0	9.36
di	19.6	12.63
ol	17.8	26.94
ilm	6.1	5.68
mt	4.8	3.95
ap	2.6	1.98
Mg*	65.5	69.0

Mg\* =  $100 \times (\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})$ , based on  $\text{Fe}^{++}/\text{Fe}^{+++} = 0.8$ .

FeO\* =  $\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}$  as FeO.

2650\* is sample 2650 of Irving & Green (1976),  
Green (1973a).

## 2.2 XENOLITHS

On the basis of mineralogical, textural and chemical differences, the xenoliths have been grouped into several types:

- A - lherzolites (ol > opx > cpx > sp  $\pm$  amph  $\pm$  mica)
  - 1 - without hydrous phases or remnants thereof ("anhydrous")
  - 2 - amphibole-bearing
  - 3 - phlogopite-bearing
  - 4 - with sites of former hydrous phases, now present only as secondary assemblages
  - 5 - amphibole- and phlogopite-bearing
  - 6 - Fe-rich (amphibole-bearing)
  - 7 - layered or banded
- B - wehrlites (ol > cpx  $\pm$  amph  $\pm$  sp  $\pm$  opx  $\pm$  mica  $\pm$  ap)
- C - harzburgites (ol > opx > sp  $\pm$  amph)
- D - hornblendites (amph > mica > ilm  $\pm$  cpx  $\pm$  opx  $\pm$  titanomag  $\pm$  ol)
- E - composite xenoliths (two or more different types of rock in one specimen)
- F - pyroxenites (gt, cpx, opx  $\pm$  sp  $\pm$  amph)
- G - cumulate texture wehrlite (ol > cpx, amph, phlo).

Summary rock descriptions are listed in table 2, more detailed descriptions of the nodules, including the composite xenoliths, are given in appendix 1.

The textures of the peridotitic rocks are classified following Mercier & Nicolas (1975) into protogranular, porphyroclastic and recrystallized (equigranular or tabular), but it must be noted that most samples represent transitional types.

The optical characteristics of the minerals are as described by previous authors (Brown *et al.*, 1980; Frey & Green, 1974; Frey & Prinz, 1978; Harte, 1977; Kleeman *et al.*, 1969; Mercier & Nicolas, 1975; Pike *et al.*, 1980; Toxopeus, 1977; White, 1966). Only some of the more specific features of the minerals found in the xenoliths are described below.

Table 2: Rock description in form of summary table.

Crosses under two categories for any criterion denote transitional types, e.g. crosses under both medium and fine grainsize mean medium to fine grainsize.

Abbreviations used:

Grainsize\* = dominant grainsize; PG = protogranular; PO = porphyroclastic; RE = recrystallized-equigranular or tabular; c = coarse; m = medium; f = fine; n = nil; w = weak; s = strong; fr = fresh; bk = breakdown products of hydrous phases present; ol = olivine; opx = orthopyroxene; cpx = clinopyroxene; sp = spinel; gt = garnet; amph = amphibole; phlo = phlogopite; ap = apatite; ilm = ilmenite; titanom = titanomagnetite; intergr = intergrowth texture.



Table 2: Rock description in form of summary table.

Group/Sample	Phases	Texture			Grainsize*			Foliation			Exsolutions in pyroxenes	Amphibole			Special features
		PG	PO	RE	c	m	f	n	w	s		n	fr	bk	
A-1	BM-54	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+			+			+				+	Few veinlets of brownish glass. Sp concentrated in layers.
	BM-69	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+		+	+			+	+				+	
	BM-99	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+		+	+			+					+	
	BM-160	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+			+					+	Few veinlets of brownish glass. Is part of composite xenoliths. Ol shows small strain features (kink bands).
	LE-00	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+	+							+	
	LE-50	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+			+			+					+	
	LE-532	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+			+			+					+	Sp as patches paralleling foliation.
	LE-539	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+	+			+				+	
	LE-2664	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+			+			+		+			+	
A-2	BM-9	ol,opx,cpx, amph	+		+					+	+		+	+	Cpx with marginal breakdown.
	BM-15	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+			+		+					+	
	BM-27	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	
	BM-58	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+			+		+		+			+	Cpx with marginal breakdown.
	BM-62	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	
	BM-74	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	
	BM-134	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+		+	+				+	+			+	Cpx with marginal breakdown.
	BM-139	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+				+				+	
	BM-147	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+		+	+			+		+			+	
	BM-161	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	Rare amphibole.
	BM-166	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	
	BM-167	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+		+					+	+			+	
	LE-2641	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+			+			+		+			+	
A-3	LE-67	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+		+			+	
	LE-68	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+		+				+	+				+	
A-4	BM-48	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+		+	+			+		+			+	Some veinlets of brownish glass. Some patches with darker brown glass (from phlogopite?)
	BM-144	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+		+				+		+			+	
	BM-162	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+			+		+			+	Cpx with marginal breakdown.
	LE-4	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+		+	+			+		+			+	
	LE-19	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+			+		+			+	Cpx with frequent breakdown halo.
	LE-544	ol,opx,cpx,sp	+	+		+			+		+			+	
A-5	BM-143	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph,phlo	+	+		+	+		+					+	Clusters of small cpx with out- line of large (1 cm) euhedral cpx.
A-6	BM-47	ol,opx,cpx, amph	+		+	+			+	+	+			+	Opx small, large and abundant amph.
	BM-154	ol,opx,cpx, sp,amph	+	+		+			+					+	Opx small, large and abundant amph.
B	BM-18	ol,opx,sp, cpx,amph,ap	+	+		+			+		+			+	Rare opx, large cpx are poikilitic.
	BM-51	ol,cpx,amph, sp,ap			+	+	+			+				+	
	BM-135	ol,cpx,amph		+	+		+		+					+	Cpx occasionally poikilitic, abundant amph breakdown patches. Larger grains rounded, pockets of dunitic material (+sp), rare opx. Phlo common parallel to foliation oriented patches.
	BM-142	ol,cpx		+	+		+		+					+	
	BM-152	ol,cpx,amph, opx,sp	cumulus			variable					+			+	
	LE-27	ol,cpx,phlo, opx,sp	+	+		+				+				+	
C	BM-163	ol,opx,amph, sp	+			+			+		+			+	
D	BM-117	amph,phlo, ilm,titanom, ol	intergr.		+				+					+	Ilm- exsolution from amph, some brownish glass.
	BM-156	amph,phlo, ilm	intergr.		+				+					+	Contains fine grained pyroxenite (opx,cpx,ilm,phlo,amph matrix).
G	BM-168	ol,cpx, amph,phlo, opx	cumulus		+				+					+	Rare opx,cpx with marginal break- down, partly poikilitic, some dark brown glass.

Exsolution lamellae of orthopyroxene in clinopyroxene and *vice versa* are present in some but not all samples and it is noteworthy that exsolution of orthopyroxene and spinel from clinopyroxene is more commonly developed in amphibole-bearing lherzolites than in other lherzolites.

In some samples, clinopyroxene develops a rim containing small glass inclusions within a clinopyroxene of lower Na<sub>2</sub>O content (Kleeman *et al.*, 1969, fig.1; Frey & Green, 1974), which may be interpreted as breakdown of primary clinopyroxene under low pressure, high temperature conditions. In addition, primary clinopyroxene commonly occurs adjacent to patches of glass containing euhedral spinel + olivine + clinopyroxene (the latter commonly growing on the neighbouring primary clinopyroxene, fig. 2 of Kleeman *et al.*, 1969). These patches are interpreted as products of breakdown and incongruent melting of former hydrous phases, commonly amphibole but also occasionally phlogopite (Frey & Green, 1974) and are not melting products of the primary clinopyroxene + spinel + orthopyroxene + olivine assemblage (appendix 2).

Primary spinel is variable in composition and colour (from yellow-brown to deep red-brown) and in those xenoliths where amphibole is present (or was originally present) the amphibole or its breakdown products almost always occurs in contact with spinel.

Amphibole varies in modal abundance (up to 15%) in groups A to C and is a very pale brown, pleochroic pargasite. It commonly mantles spinel but also occurs as a dispersed euhedral to anhedral phase included in or between any of the major minerals. Many examples of partial breakdown to olivine + clinopyroxene + spinel + glass have been observed and the petrographic and analytical data from such examples provides evidence for interpretation of all such (ol + cpx + sp + glass) patches as products of amphibole (and/or phlogopite) breakdown (see appendix 2).

In the hornblendites the amphibole is darker brown pleochroic Ti-rich pargasite to kaersutite, forming large grains in intergrowth with phlogopite and ilmenite. Exsolution of ilmenite from kaersutite occurs and Ellis

(1976) describes an example with large euhedral amphibole and intercumulus ilmenite and phlogopite. In one sample (BM-156) the hornblende contains an included pyroxenite (opx, cpx, minor ol and interstitial brown hornblende).

Phlogopite is rare in the lherzolites but where it occurs it is subhedral to euhedral and may be entirely included within olivine or at grain boundaries. Except for occasional occurrences as a minor phase localized within thin mylonite zones (Frey & Green, 1974), there is no textural evidence that phlogopite is an introduced (metasomatic or replacement) phase in the lherzolites. One wehrlite (LE-27) has unusually abundant phlogopite occurring in lenticular patches parallel to the foliation.

Garnet has only been observed in pyroxenites, forming large subhedral to euhedral neoblasts with kelyphitic rims. Apatite has previously been reported as a rare primary accessory phase in lherzolites from Mt Noorat (west of Mt Leura) (Cooper & Green, 1969; Kleeman *et al.*, 1969; Frey & Green, 1974) and wehrlite from Mt Leura (Kleeman *et al.*, 1969). Apatite was not observed in lherzolites examined in this study, but was found as a turbid interstitial phase within two wehrlites (BM-18, BM-51).

### 3. BULK ROCK CHEMISTRY

Discussions of bulk rock chemistry (table 3) must bear in mind three constraining difficulties: (i) the coarse grain size and small sample size (most are < 20 cm) make representative sampling difficult; (ii) mineral banding enhances the problems of representative sampling; and (iii) concentrations of Na, K, Ti, P are very low and detection limits of XRF analyses are similar to abundance levels, so that large relative errors can result.

To overcome problems with the  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  analyses at levels which are near the detection limit of XRF analyses for lherzolites, harzburgites and wehrlites, a different approach has been used. Since the composition of all phases is known from microprobe analyses, modal abundances can be calculated by a least-squares fit to the analysed bulk rock composition. This has been done on the basis of nine elements, excluding Na. The quality of fitting can be demonstrated by a low sum of least-squares. Given the modal abundances, the Na-content of the bulk rock has been calculated from the analysed minerals.

On the basis of bulk rock chemistry, subsets can be distinguished. The AFM diagram (fig. 2) shows a single linear trend for hydrous and anhydrous lherzolites and the harzburgite, clearly separated from the data points of wehrlites, Fe-rich lherzolites and the cumulate BM-168. The wehrlites and Fe-rich lherzolites may be interpreted as following a different cumulate trend. Lherzolites of group A-5 and A-7 however fall off both trends, indicating different histories.

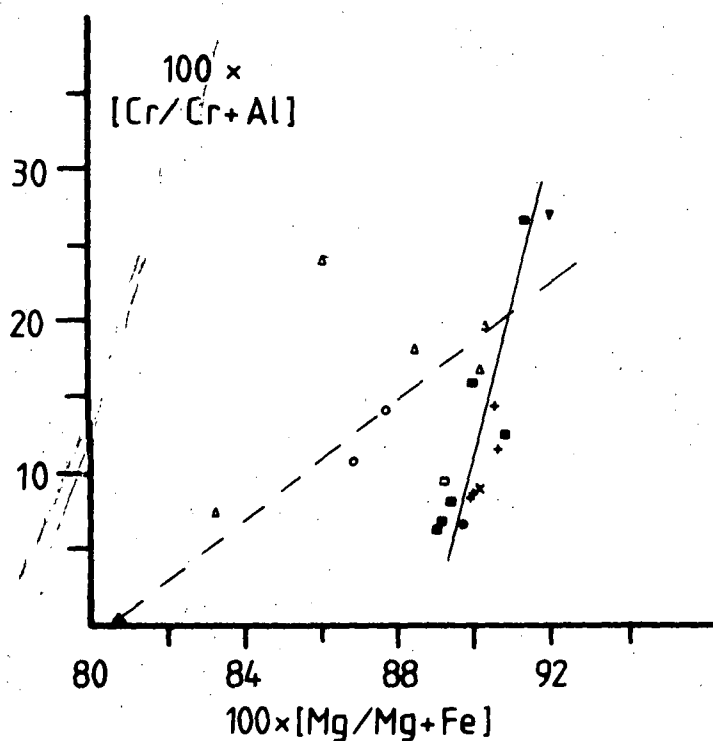
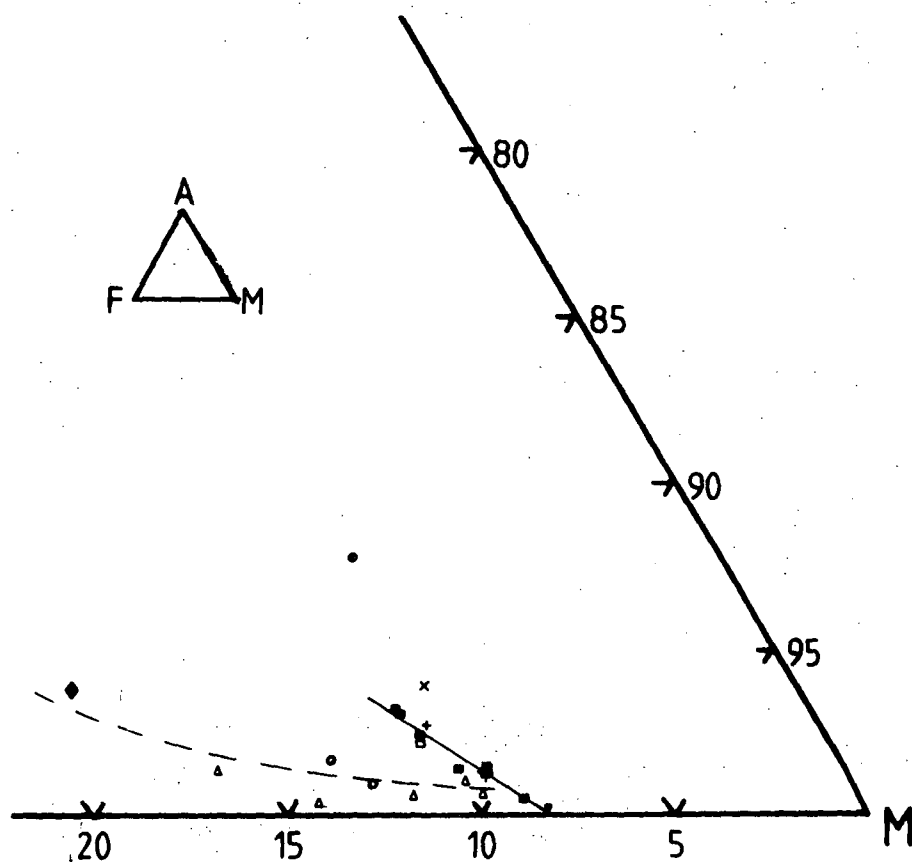
A similar result is obtained by the plot  $\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}$  vs.  $\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al}$  (fig. 3). Lherzolites, again regardless of their mineralogy, form a linear trend at a high angle to that for the cumulates (except BM-142). In this plot, not only the harzburgite is in line with the lherzolites, but also the lherzolites of group A-5 and A-7.

Table 3: Chemical analyses of bulk rocks, normalised to 100% on volatile-free basis.

	Group A-1			Group A-2						A-4
	BM-69	BM-99	BM-160	BM-9	BM-134	BM-162	BM-167	BM-139	BM-15	BM-144
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.19	0.32	0.19	0.19	0.72	0.40	0.16
MgO	44.12	44.25	40.26	45.95	44.41	42.26	40.65	38.35	37.99	40.36
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.65	1.69	2.91	0.72	1.25	2.12	2.75	3.59	3.86	2.62
SiO <sub>2</sub>	43.72	44.36	45.19	43.87	43.15	44.64	44.30	44.51	44.95	44.80
K <sub>2</sub> O	nd	nd	nd	0.03	0.03	nd	nd	0.17	0.03	nd
CaO	1.47	1.72	2.60	0.67	1.22	2.20	2.64	3.49	3.54	2.54
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.04	0.05	0.10	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.17	0.08
FeO*	8.10	7.98	8.01	7.70	8.80	7.67	8.58	8.26	8.27	8.62
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.33	0.42	0.39	0.39	0.35	0.46	0.37	0.41	0.41	0.41
MnO	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.13
NiO	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.32	0.32	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.24	0.27
Mg'	90.7	90.6	90.0	91.4	90.0	90.8	89.4	89.2	89.1	89.3
Cr'	11.5	14.4	8.25	26.7	16.2	12.7	8.3	7.0	6.7	9.6
Zr	2	9	4	2	5	3	5	32	16	10
Sc	10	8	9.4	6	7	11	12	16	15	11
V	49	42	55	30	36	56	63	89	86	58
Sr	-	21	10	21	33	4	11	75	32	13
Ba	3	6	10	9	16	6	6	40	11	14

	A-5	Group A-6		A-7	Group B					C
	BM-143	BM-154	BM-47	BM-137	BM-18	BM-135	BM-142	BM-51	BM-152	BM-163
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.64	0.30	0.55	0.81	0.51	0.46	0.25	0.82	0.40	0.24
MgO	36.09	41.68	38.37	30.96	44.01	42.58	42.39	41.77	38.12	46.90
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.30	1.54	2.45	7.64	1.04	1.04	0.70	1.71	1.73	0.68
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.67	43.34	44.40	44.15	42.30	42.13	41.60	42.36	42.02	43.39
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.10	0.11	0.04	0.02
CaO	4.74	1.60	2.88	6.24	2.50	2.98	1.83	3.96	3.65	0.63
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.45	0.14	0.07	0.44	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.31	0.02
FeO*	7.02	10.44	10.33	6.24	8.32	9.85	12.17	8.00	13.19	7.27
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.67	0.40	0.44	0.84	0.39	0.34	0.33	0.51	0.20	0.38
MnO	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.23	0.14	0.13	0.13
NiO	0.22	0.29	0.24	0.21	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.26	0.22	0.31
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		0.01	0.04	0.05	0.35	nd	nd	0.35	nd	0.04
Mg'	90.2	87.7	86.9	89.9	90.4	88.5	86.1	90.3	83.3	92.0
Cr'	9.4	14.7	10.8	6.8	19.8	18.1	24.0	16.8	7.2	27.3
Zr	19	21	29	42	2	36	72	24	13	5
Sc	19	7	13	30	8	7	5	12	9	7
V	121	43	72	180	39	37	23	54	71	24
Sr	83	18	80	100	294	80	69	242	34	76
Ba	36	11	19	70	42	21	12	41	35	33

	Group D		Groups E/F		G	FeO* = Fe total as FeO Mg' = Mg/(Mg+Fe) Cr' = Cr/(Cr+Al) Major elements in wt.%. Trace elements in ppm.
	BM-117	BM-156	BM-114	BM-116G	BM-116C	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.11	1.53	1.11	1.11	1.36	0.51
MgO	12.35	13.27	16.96	17.27	19.52	31.09
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.14	12.42	13.94	14.72	11.75	4.14
SiO <sub>2</sub>	38.12	43.40	48.06	47.37	47.84	43.60
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.77	0.93	0.07	0.04	0.13	0.23
CaO	9.90	12.38	12.83	12.94	13.95	6.12
TiO <sub>2</sub>	7.48	4.10	0.14	0.19	0.33	0.71
FeO*	8.83	11.73	6.49	5.95	3.90	13.71
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.05	0.15	0.15	1.01	0.07
MnO	0.11	0.13	0.19	0.19	0.08	0.17
NiO	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.15
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	nd	0.01	0.02	0.01	nd	0.03
Mg'	63.4	66.8	82.3	83.8	89.9	80.8
Zr	55	46	26	11	10	42
Sc	22	27	53	47	39	13
V	549	449	219	221	218	133
Sr	572	337	123	102	186	111
Ba	311	171	31	21	125	81



### Symbols

#### Lherzolites

- + anhydrous (A 1)
- amphibole bearing (A 2)
- with secondary ass. after hydrous phases (A 4)
- x amphibole + phlogopite bearing (A 5)
- Fe - rich (A 6)
- layered or banded (A 7)

- ▲ Wehrlites (B)
- ▼ Harzburgites (C)
- ◆ cum. text. wehrlite (G)

Figures 2 and 3: Bulk rock compositions of ultramafic xenoliths from Lake Bullenmerri in mole %.

Top - plots of  $A(Al_2O_3)$ - $F(FeO)$ - $M(MgO)$ .

Bottom -  $Cr/Cr+Al$  vs.  $Mg/Mg+Fe$ .

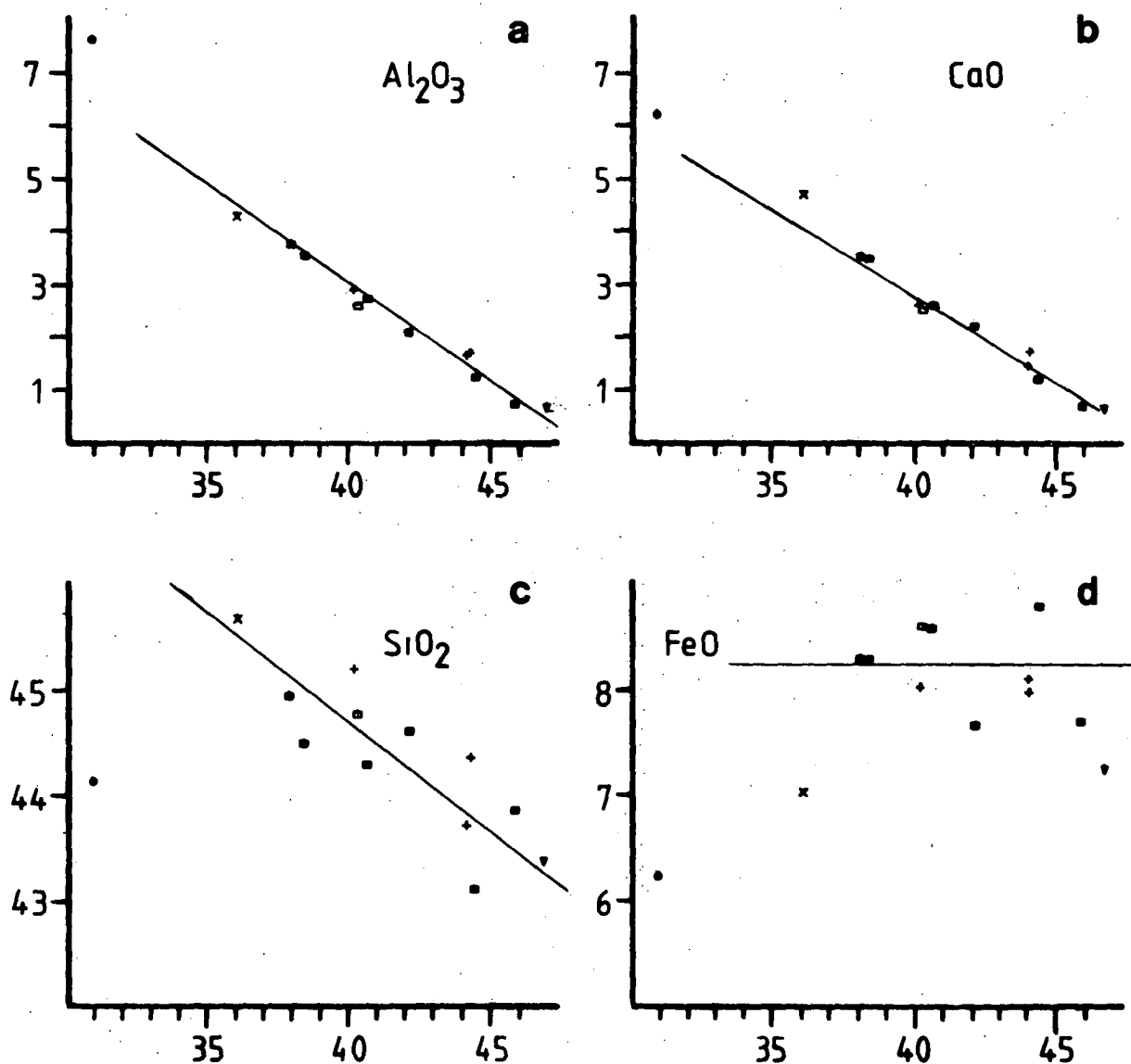
Solid and dashed lines are visually plotted trends for residual lherzolites and cumulates respectively. Note that FeO is total Fe as FeO.

In chemical variation diagrams of the type MgO (wt.%) vs. oxides or trace elements the wehrlites, Fe-rich lherzolites and other cumulates do not form clear trends, but tend to scatter. This may be seen as evidence that those do not belong to one single group. They may originate in different events and represent cumulates from different sources (e.g. picrite, basanite).

The lherzolites (except groups A-5 and A-7) on the other hand exhibit regular variations with MgO for a number of oxides and trace elements (fig. 4). The best correlations are given with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and CaO, showing a very well defined linear trend. Variations with  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , Sc, and V may be interpreted as having a slight curvature, but their trends are still reasonably approximated by a straight line. FeO and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  do not correlate with MgO, but remain approximately constant at  $8.25 \pm 1\%$  and  $0.40 \pm 0.1\%$  respectively. A straight line chemical variation in oxides or oxide ratios is suggestive of having the character of a mixing line for those elements.

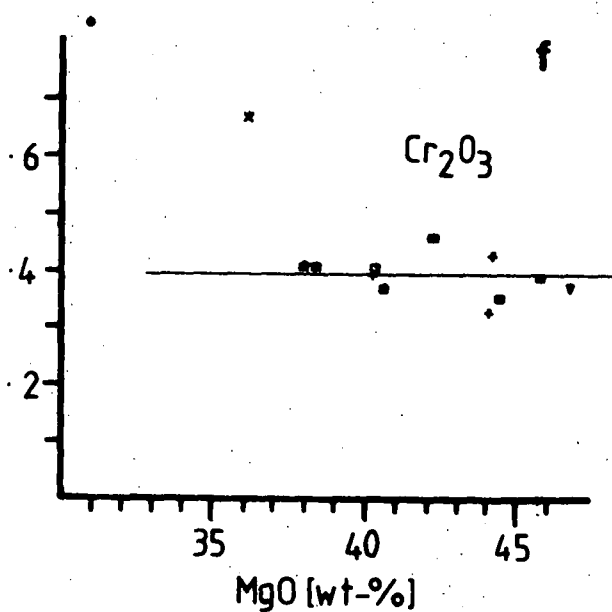
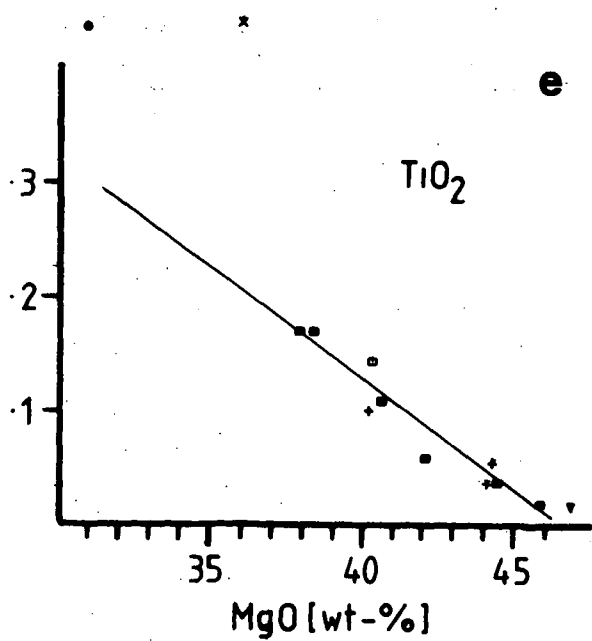
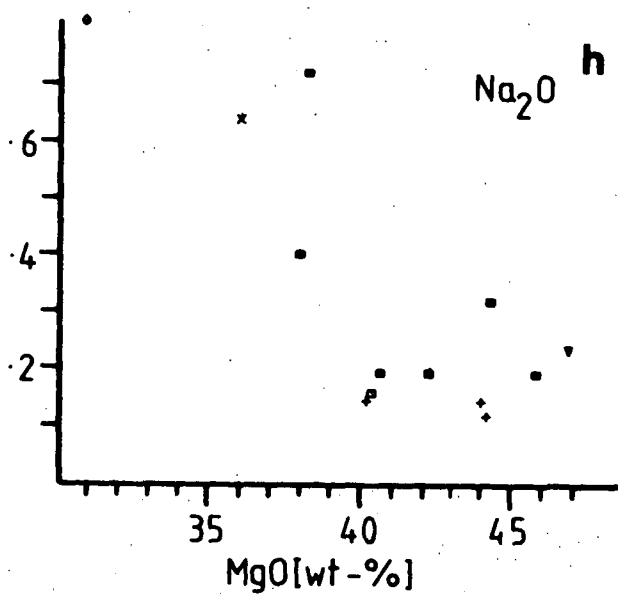
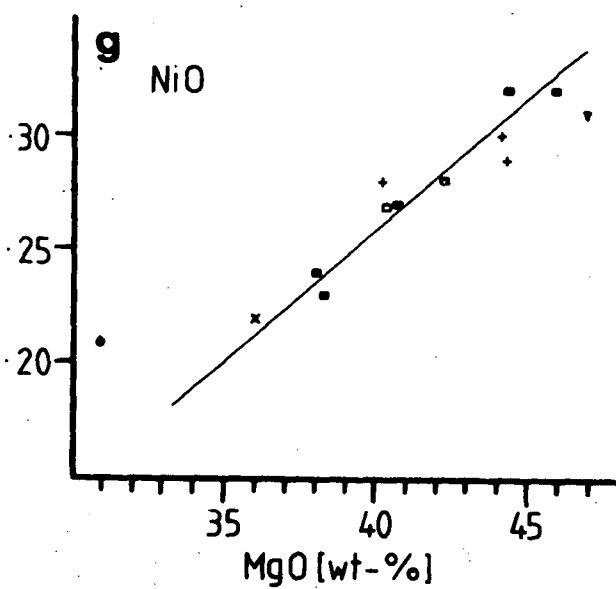
$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , Ba, Sr and Zr show only a very weak or no correlation with MgO. However, the variations of these elements in most of the amphibole-bearing lherzolites are within the compositional spectrum of the anhydrous lherzolites.

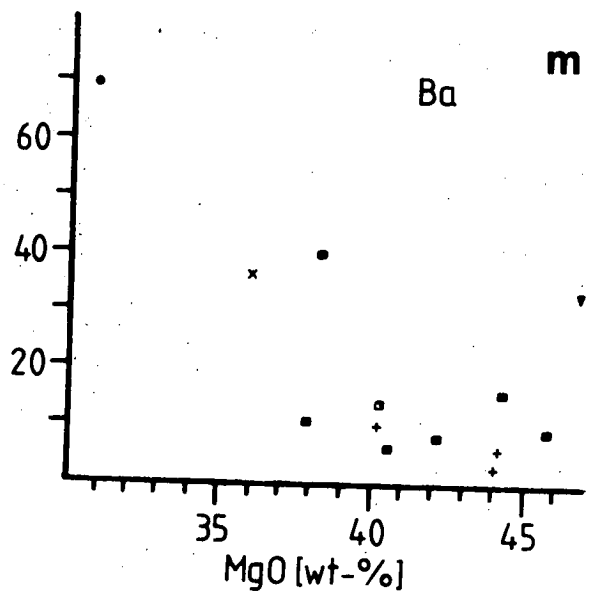
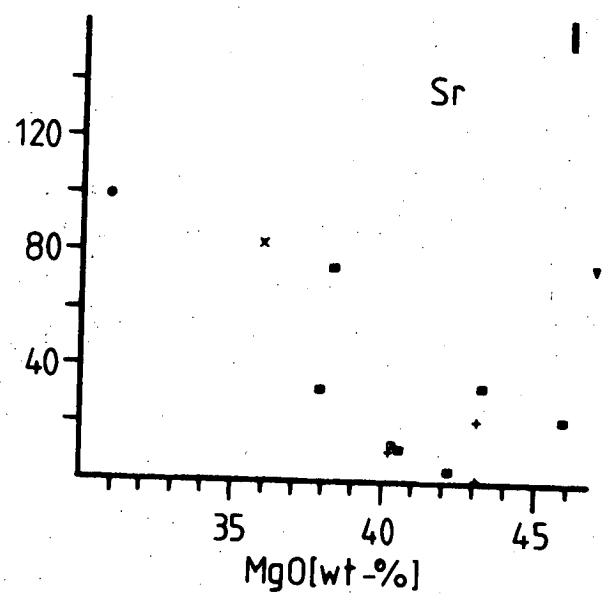
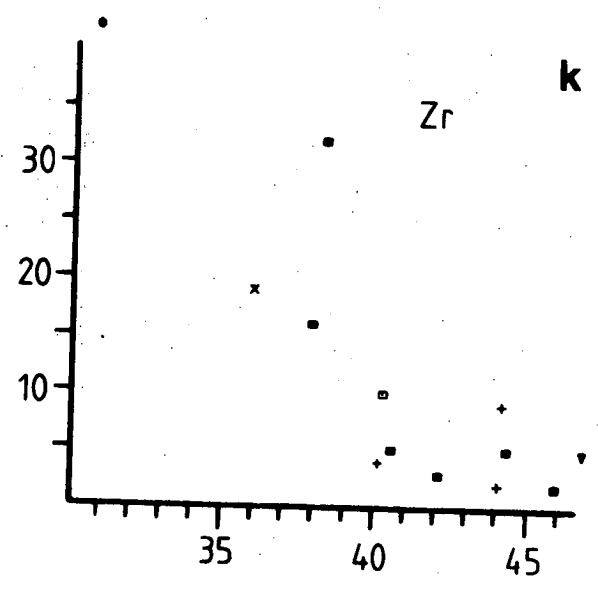
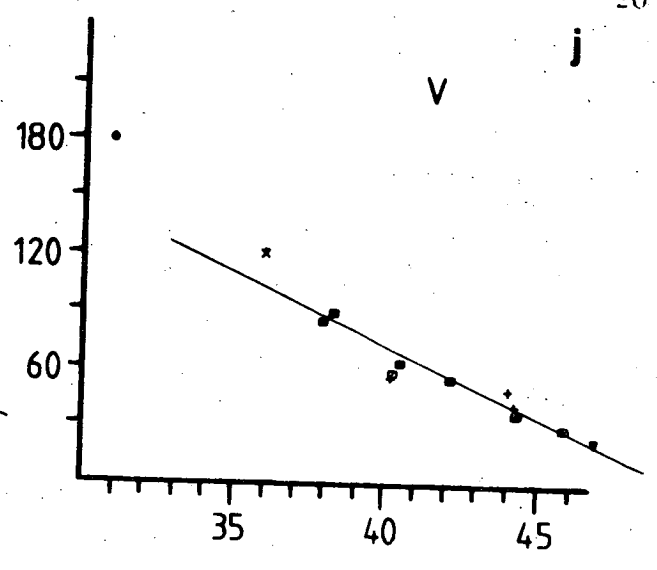
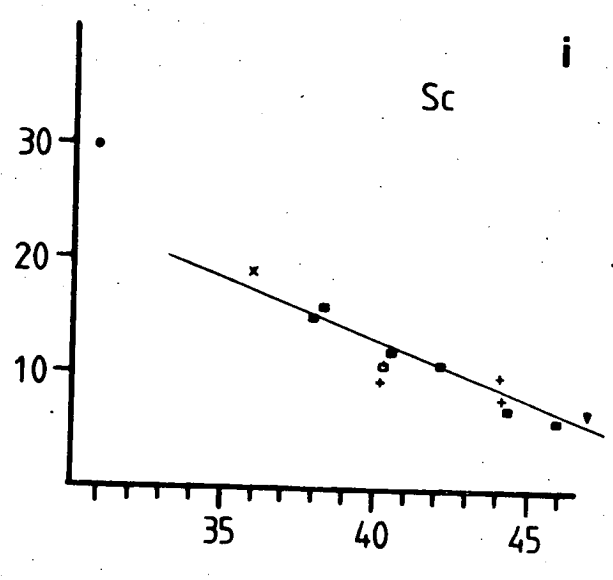
Efforts have been made to analyse for  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , Rb, Y, and Nb. The detected range ( $\text{K}_2\text{O} \leq 0.03\% \leq \text{P}_2\text{O}_5 \leq 0.04\%$ ,  $\text{Rb} \leq 3 \text{ ppm}$ ,  $\text{Y} \leq 3 \text{ ppm}$ ,  $\text{Nb} \leq 2 \text{ ppm}$ ) was in each case close to the detection limit of XRF analyses, hence their variation cannot provide significant trends. Nonetheless the low concentrations of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , Rb, Y and Nb in both hydrous and anhydrous lherzolites argues that these elements have not been added in large, significant amounts to the hydrous lherzolites. However, sample BM-139 shows unusual high values for  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , Nb as well as  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , Sr, Ba and Zr. This sample has an exceptionally high modal abundance of amphibole (approx. 15%) and thus may provide evidence for metasomatic chemical change. It should be noted that the sample is small, and thus the exceptional values may also be due to non-representative sampling.



re 4a-m: Bulk rock concentrations of major and trace elements of lherzolite and harzburgite nodules (groups A1-A5, A7, C) from Lake Bullenmerri plotted against wt.% MgO. Major elements (4a-h) in wt.%, trace elements (4i-m) in ppm. Solid lines are visually plotted trends for oxides/elements with clear linear correlations. Note that lherzolites of groups A5 and A7 were excluded from the fit and that FeO is total Fe as FeO. Symbols as for figure 2.







The group A-5 sample is not only unusual in containing both amphibole and phlogopite, but also in being Mg-poor. It is in line with the trends for the lherzolites for most elements, but shows strong deviation in Ti and Cr and minor deviation in Fe and Ca.

Group A-7 sample differs from the trends for the other lherzolites for every element, especially  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ , FeO and  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Although it is relatively Mg-poor, its Mg value is still high (89.8) and although it is very rich in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  its Cr/Cr+Al ratio remains low (6.8). It is also unusual in MgO vs. NiO, where all other groups show identical behaviour.

#### 4. MINERAL CHEMISTRY

Analyses of the constituent phases are listed in appendix 3. The spinel lherzolites show the typical range of compositions observed in many localities (e.g. Basaltic Volcanism Study Project, 1981; Frey & Green, 1974; Frey & Prinz, 1978; Kuno, 1969; Kuno & Aoki, 1970; Maaløe & Aoki, 1977; Ross *et al.*, 1954; White, 1966) with olivine in the range  $\text{Fo}_{88-92}$  and principal variations being in the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of pyroxenes and the Cr/Cr+Al ratio of spinel.

The wehrlites and lherzolites of groups A-5 to A-7 and group B have olivine in the range  $\text{Fo}_{90-82}$ , compatible with the interpretation that they are of cumulate or recrystallized cumulate origin, their parent magma being picrite, olivine tholeiite or undersaturated olivine basalt, basanite etc. One of the wehrlites (BM-152) which on textural grounds has been classified as a cumulate or intrusion breccia with early cumulate fragments enclosed in intercumulus phases, shows supporting mineralogical evidence for this in that the olivine and clinopyroxene of the dunitic (amphibole-free) cumulate have slightly higher Mg values than olivine and clinopyroxene of the intercumulus matrix.

The group C harzburgite shows affinities with the group A lherzolites and is very refractory in terms of Mg values of olivine and orthopyroxene and in the high Cr/Al of spinel. The amphibole is similarly Mg-rich and high in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ , but is the most Na-rich of all amphiboles analysed and contains moderately high  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ .

The group D hornblendites are markedly more Fe-rich than all other assemblages and this pattern continues in the composite xenoliths in which amphibole-phlogopite veinlets occur. By contrast the pyroxenites examined do not include examples of Fe-rich pyroxenite described by Ellis (1976) (including samples from Mt Leura), but are Mg-rich and highly aluminous, with compositions resembling those of the lherzolite suite. Consistent with the highly magnesian clinopyroxenes ( $\text{Mg}_{89-91}$ ), the garnets are also highly magnesian ( $\text{Mg}_{79-82}$ ) but with low  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  contents (lower than co-existing clinopyroxene).

The distinctive cumulate textured wehrlite (group G) has mineral compositions closest to those of group B wehrlites and group D hornblendites.

## 5. CONDITIONS OF CRYSTALLIZATION OF LHERZOLITE XENOLITHS

Chemical equilibrium between coexisting mineral phases may be inferred if there is regular, systematic partitioning of elements among phases. It is possible to use some element partitioning relationships to deduce P,T conditions of equilibration, while other relationships may be used qualitatively to infer similarities or differences in conditions of crystallization.

### 5.1 Fe/Mg PARTITIONING

Plots of Fe/Mg ratios of the phases olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and amphibole all reveal linear relationships with varying degrees of scatter (fig. 5). The problem of uncertainty of  $\text{Fe}^{++}/\text{Fe}^{+++}$  from microprobe analyses limits the extent to which element partitioning can be used to infer temperatures of crystallization, but the covariance among all four phases argues that all are equilibrated phases and that amphibole in particular is not a late, independent metasomatic-introduced phase (i.e. all components associated with amphibole growth were present prior to or during the crystallization of the olivine-pyroxene-amphibole assemblages).

The  $(\text{Fe/Mg})_{\text{ol}}$  vs.  $(\text{Fe/Mg})_{\text{cpx}}$  plot (fig. 5C) reveals some scatter of points but a systematically lower value of  $K_D = (\text{Fe/Mg})_{\text{cpx}}/(\text{Fe/Mg})_{\text{ol}}$  for amphibole-bearing assemblages than for anhydrous or phlogopite-bearing lherzolites. Uncertainty in  $\text{Fe}^{++}/\text{Fe}^{+++}$  of clinopyroxene prevents meaningful temperature estimates, but lower temperatures of crystallization of the amphibole-bearing lherzolites are inferred using an empirical experimental calibration (Mori & Green, 1978).

The Fe/Mg partitioning between spinel and olivine shows a strong compositional dependence on Cr/Cr+Al of spinel (fig. 6). Ambiguity in the calibration of the potential olivine-spinel geothermometer (Evans & Frost, 1975; Engi & Evans, 1980; Roeder *et al.*, 1979) prevents any comparative temperature determination from these data.

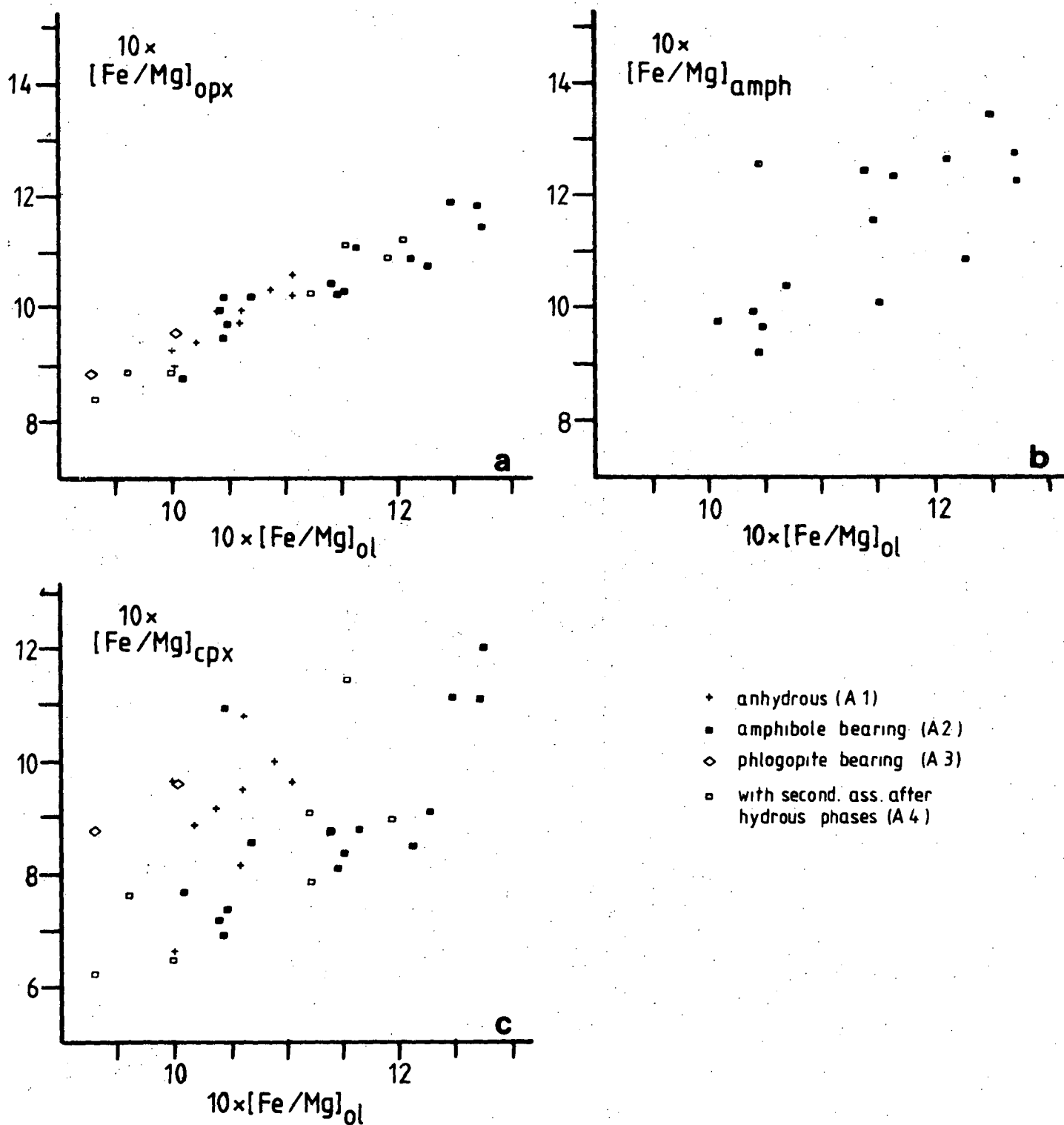


Figure 5a-c: Molar Fe/Mg of olivine vs. Fe/Mg of coexisting orthopyroxene (a), amphibole (b), and clinopyroxene (c). Fe is total Fe. Plotted are values for lherzolites of groups A1-A4.

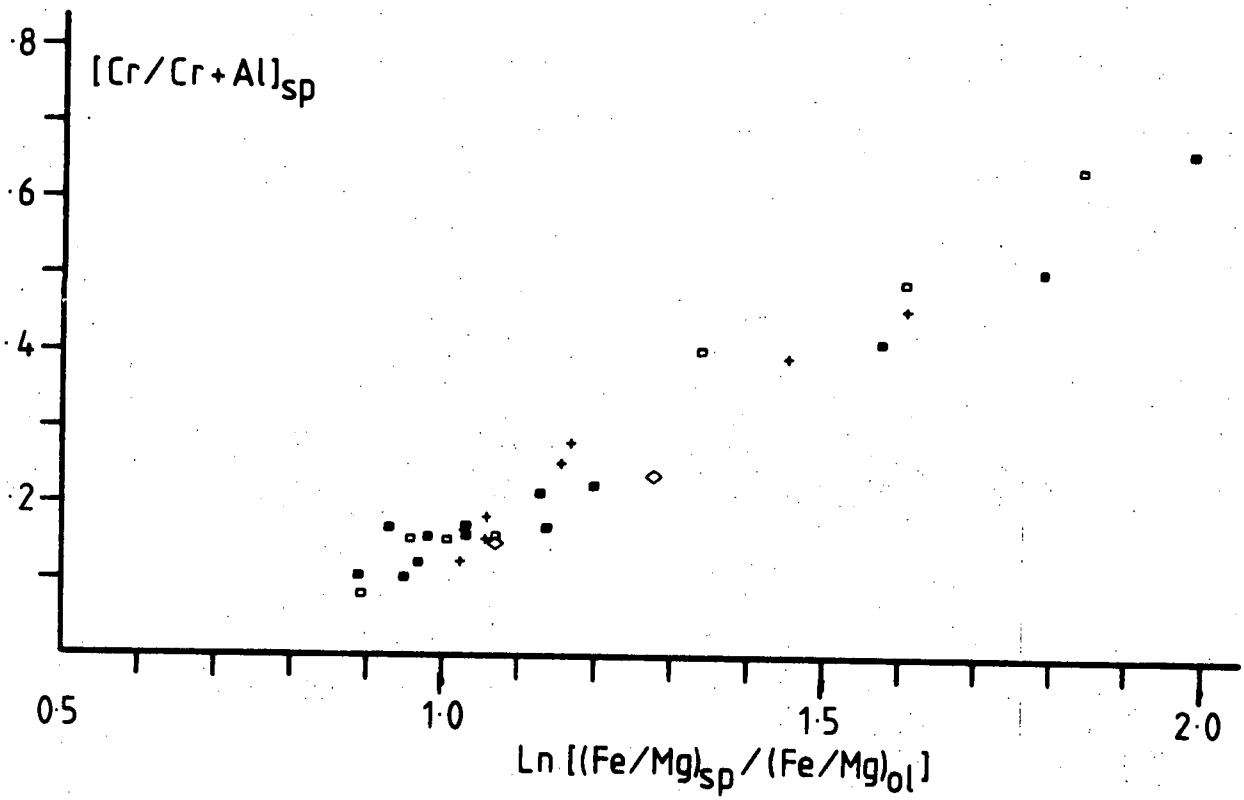


Figure 6:  $[Cr/Cr+Al]$  of spinel vs. the  $\ln K_D [(Fe/Mg)_{sp} / (Fe/Mg)_{ol}]$  for hercynites of groups A1-A4. Symbols as for figure 5.

## 5.2 Cr/Al PARTITIONING AND $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si}$ PARTITIONING

The data in table 2 show positive correlation of Cr/Al between spinel, opx, cpx, and amphibole (fig. 7). The plots of  $(\text{Cr}/\text{Al})_{\text{opx}}$  vs.  $(\text{Cr}/\text{Al})_{\text{sp}}$  and  $(\text{Cr}/\text{Al})_{\text{cpx}}$  both show weak systematic grouping of the amphibole-bearing and amphibole-free data. This relationship and its potential as a geothermometer (McGregor, 1982) is discussed later.

The substitution of Al for Si provides further evidence for equilibrium between phases. Plots of  $(\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si})_{\text{cpx}}$  vs. both  $(\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si})_{\text{opx}}$  and  $(\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si})_{\text{amph}}$  (fig. 8) show strong correlation and linear relationships.

To summarize the element partitioning data for coexisting minerals, the regularity of compositional relationships shows that olivine - two pyroxenes - spinel and amphibole (where present) crystallized together in equilibrium at varying P,T conditions (cf. Section 5.3) in a limited range of bulk compositions. In particular, amphibole is an equilibrium phase within the assemblage in which it occurs and does not reflect disequilibrium or arrested replacement process by superimposed metasomatic events.

The limited number of samples containing phlogopite does not permit a similar analysis of the element partitioning relations between phlogopite and other phases, but it may be noted that phlogopite, apart from occurrences in mylonite zones (Frey & Green, 1974) is in textural equilibrium and consistently shows Mg values lower than coexisting pyroxenes and higher than coexisting amphibole. (Note that the Mg-value referred to is based on total Fe and low values for amphibole and phlogopite are in part at least attributable to  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  contents - cf. Frey & Green, 1974.)



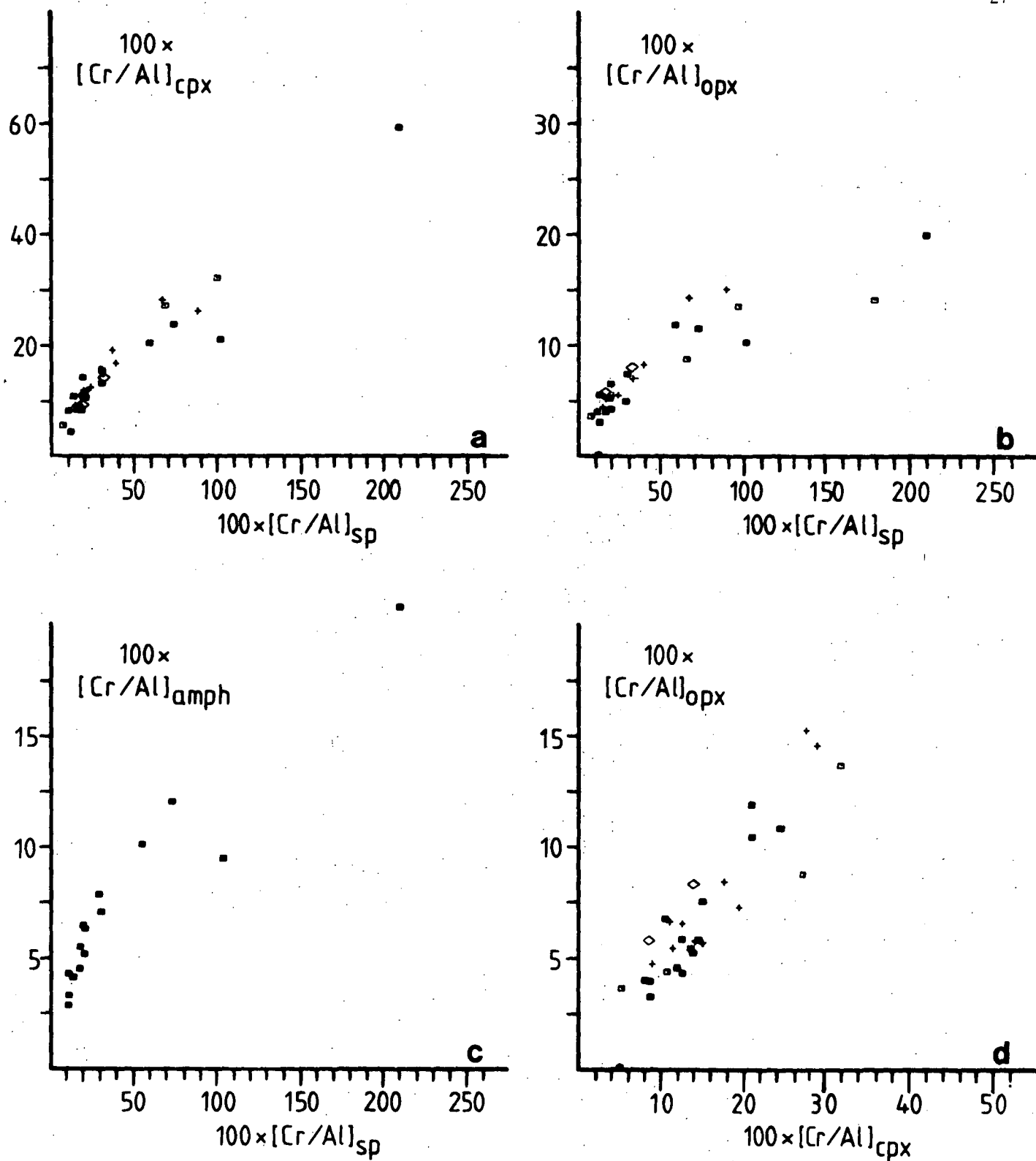


Figure 7a-d: Plots of molar Cr/Al ratio of spinel vs. Cr/Al of clinopyroxene (a), orthopyroxene (b) and amphibole (c), and Cr/Al orthopyroxene vs. Cr/Al clinopyroxene (d) for coexisting minerals in lherzolites of groups A1-A4. Symbols as for figure 5.

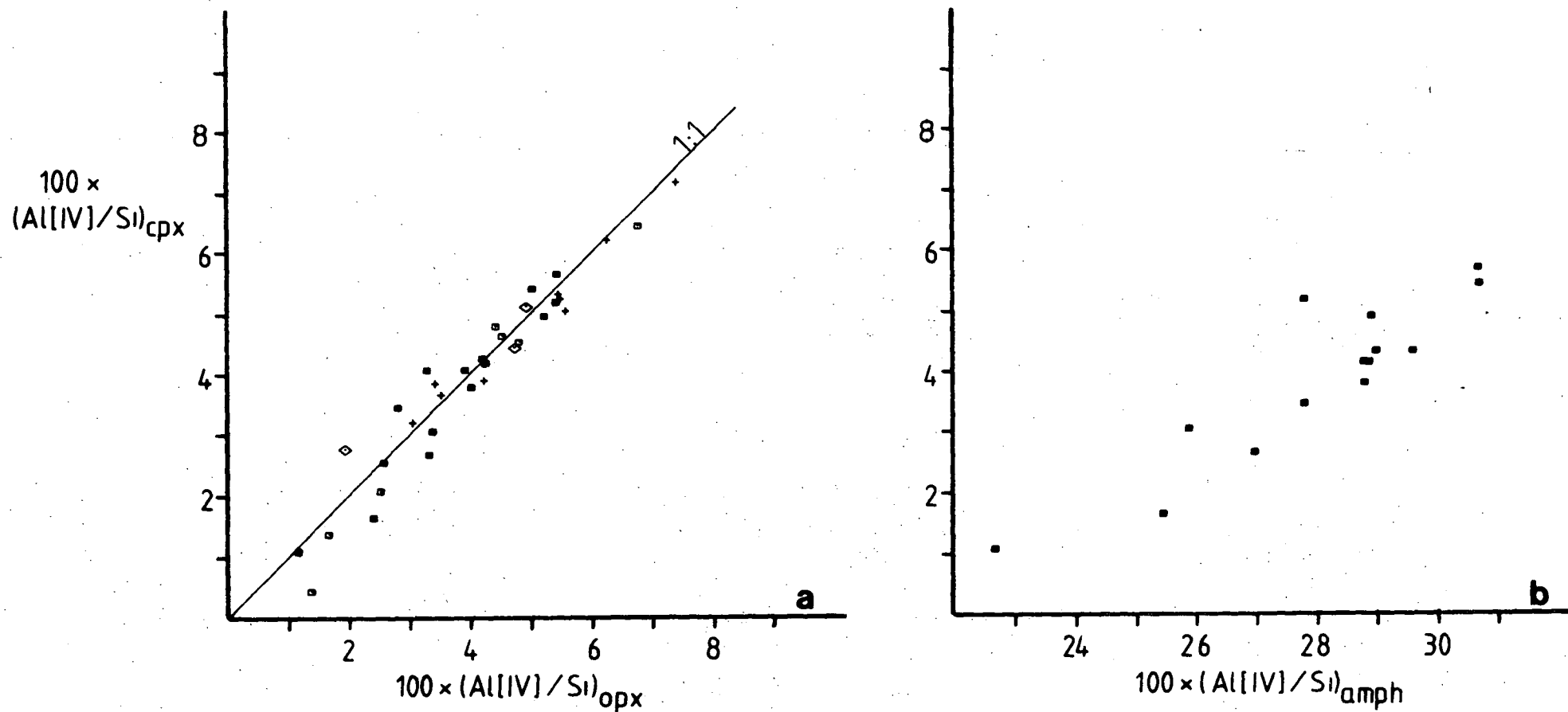


Figure 8a,b: Ratio  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si}$  of orthopyroxene (a) and amphibole (b) vs.  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Si}$  of clinopyroxene of coexisting minerals in lherzolites of groups A1-A4.  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}$  of pyroxenes were calculated from the structural formula based on 6 oxygen as 2-Si and  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}$  of amphibole as 8-Si (based on 23 oxygen). Symbols as for figure 5.

### 5.3 GEOOTHERMOMETRY/BAROMETRY FROM MINERAL EQUILIBRIA

The currently available geothermometers and geobarometers all show considerable uncertainties and deviations from each other (Carswell & Gibb, 1980), so that the determination of numerical values for P,T is likely to include large uncertainties. However, internal consistency has been demonstrated for some models and the indications for relative temperature distributions are regarded as meaningful.

The lherzolites and their pyroxenes are highly magnesian. In this compositional range the geothermometer of Wells (1977) yields better agreement with experimental data (Carswell & Gibb, 1980; Mitchell *et al.*, 1980; Mori & Green, 1978; also chapter 23 of this study) compared with Wood & Banno's (1973) formulation. The thermometer of Wells (1977) has therefore been applied.

The range of calculated temperatures is from 810°C to 1070°C for all rocks containing two pyroxenes. The distribution of temperature estimates for lherzolites is not random, but shows correlation with mineralogy (fig. 9), the lowest recorded temperatures occurring in amphibole-bearing types, intermediate temperatures in phlogopite-bearing types and higher temperature in anhydrous types. The anhydrous lherzolites do not (with one exception, for which the calculated temperature is much lower than all others) show exsolutions in the pyroxenes.

Thus they do not retain textural evidence of their cooling history but rather record only one relatively high temperature of equilibration. Dasch & Green (1975) obtained evidence from Sr-isotopes and Rb/Sr systematics for an "age" of approx. 700 Ma which they suggested was related to late Precambrian/Cambrian magmatic activity, the lherzolites representing residual mantle from such magma segregation and thus recording a high temperature event or events within the mantle. The isotopic age may record events when the region was part of an oceanic regime (Crawford & Keays, 1978; Crawford, 1983) with a high geothermal gradient.

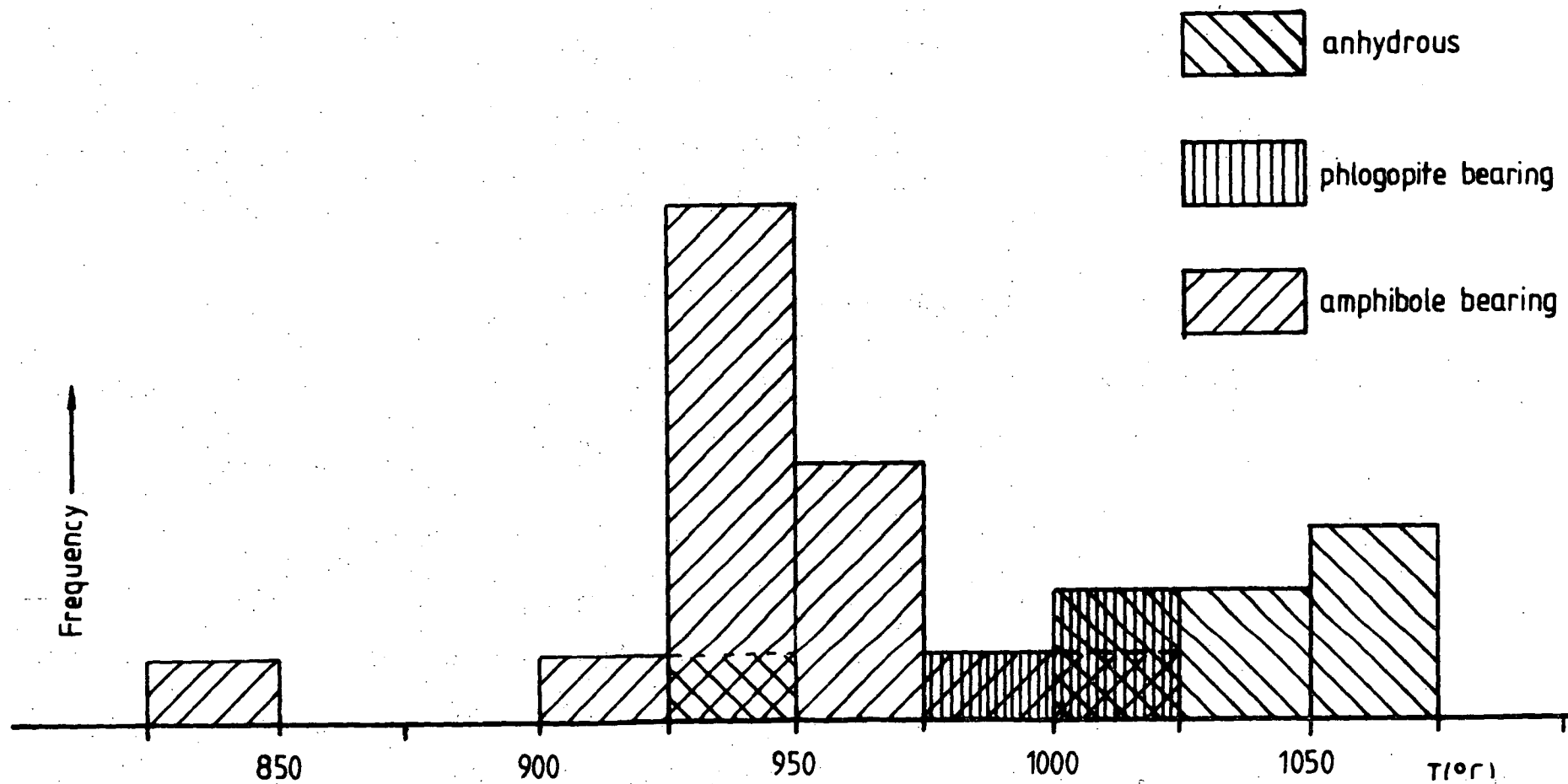


Figure 9: Temperature estimates for lherzolites (groups A1-A3) in relation to their mineralogy. Temperatures were estimated by the method of Wells (1977).

The hydrous lherzolites on the other hand commonly show exsolutions in pyroxenes and thus record a cooling history. The water may have helped in the process of annealing recrystallization in adjustment to later lower geothermal gradients.

The P-conditions for the lherzolites cannot be determined with any reliability, because no generally accepted experimental data exist for a geobarometer for spinel lherzolites. A possible exception is the olivine-clinopyroxene barometer of Adams & Bishop (1982). The application of the barometer requires high-quality data for Ca in olivine. The microprobe in this study was used in energy-dispersive mode and the resolution for the low levels of Ca in olivine is too low to allow application of this barometer at this stage. Only the stability field for spinel in peridotitic systems can this be used here, giving the range of approximately 8-20 kb.

The two pyroxenites, from which garnet has grown and which are assumed to be from similar depths, have been used for the calculation of P. The barometer of Harley (1981) was used, based on the reaction enstatite + Mg-tschermak's molecule = garnet. Since the reaction is temperature-dependent, absolute numbers of T become important, so that a second thermometer, which involves garnet (Fe/Mg exchange gt-cpx, Ellis & Green, 1979) has been utilized. This thermometer gives generally somewhat higher T estimates (Carswell & Gibb, 1980), so that a range of likely P results. The values obtained are in the region of 12-16 kb (table 4).

A second approach towards a P estimation utilizes the experimental data obtained in a liquidus phase study on the basanite of Mt Leura (no.2650 + 10% ol; Green, 1973a). A summary diagram of the liquidus phases for this composition containing 6.5% H<sub>2</sub>O is given in fig. 10.

The mineralogy of cumulate textured wehrlite BM-168 (group G) has been compared with the experimentally produced phases and the bracketing conditions for the phases of BM-168 are listed in table 5, again pointing towards pressures around 15 kb.

Table 4: Pressure-temperature estimates for garnet-pyroxenites from Lake Bullenmerri.

Sample	$P_a$ (kb)	$T_E$ (°C)	$T_W$ (°C)	$T_a$ (°C)	$P_c$ (kb)
BM-114	13	1034	978	978	13.0
	15	1042	978	1034	14.9
				1042	15.1
BM-116	13	1009	986	986	12.9
	15	1019	986	1009	13.6
				1019	14.0

$P_a$  = pressure assumed for calculation of T by the method of Ellis & Green (1979)

$T_E$  = temperature estimated by the method of Ellis & Green (1979)

$T_W$  = temperature estimated by the method of Wells (1977)

$T_a$  = temperature assumed for calculation of pressure

$P_c$  = pressure calculated by the method of Harley (1981).

Table 5: Comparison of phase compositions from experimental studies on basanite and a cumulate from Lake Bullenmerri.

P (kb)	15	15	BM-168
T (°C)	1120	1080	
Mg' (ol)	79-80	73-75	80.8
Mg' (cpx)	81-83	76-78	82.6
Mg' (mica)	81-82	79	80.6
Mg' (amph)	absent	74-78	78.8

P, T are experimental conditions

Mg' = Mg/(Mg+Fe)

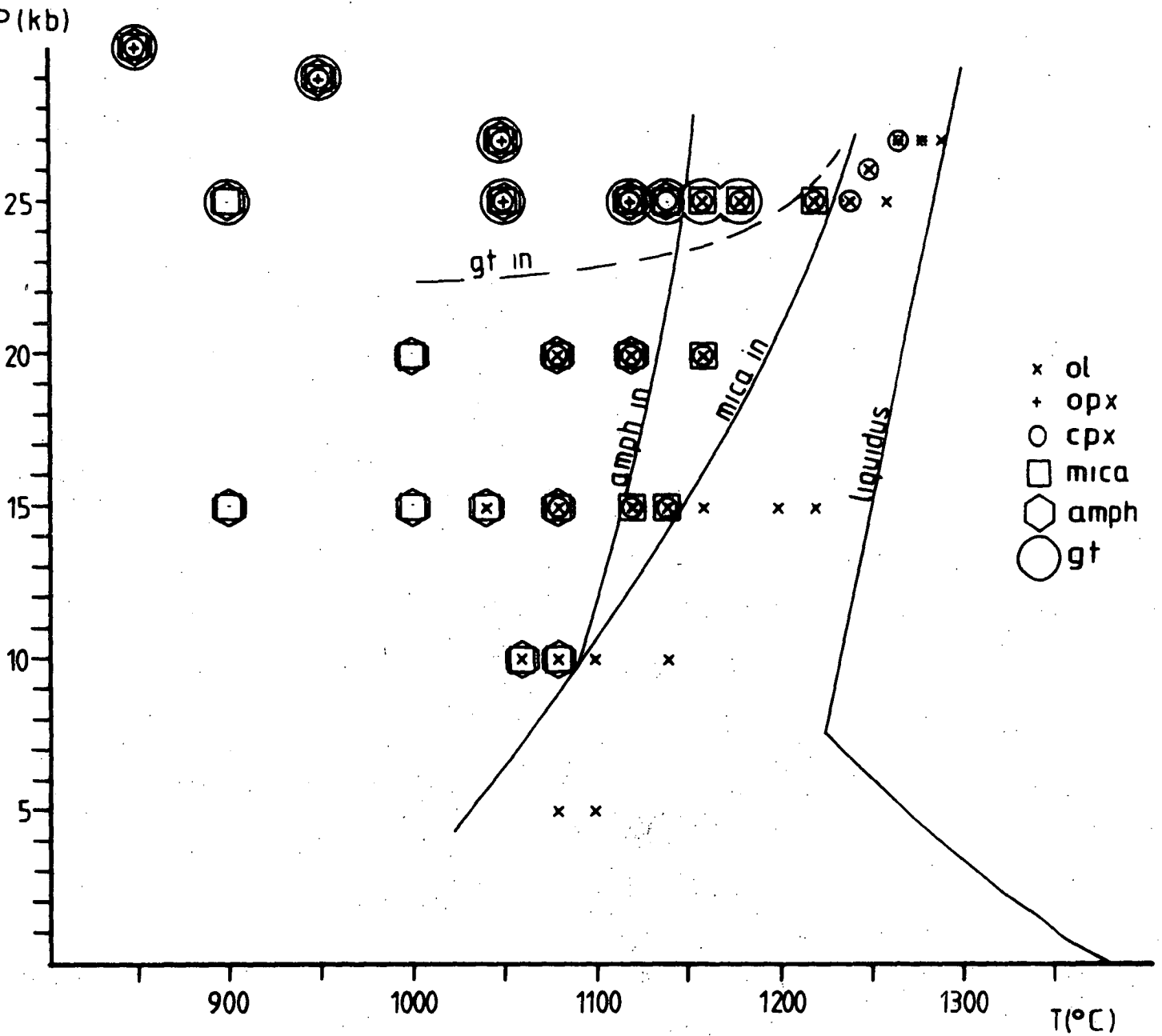


Figure 10: Phases crystallizing in equilibrium with liquid generated from sample 2650 of basanite from Mt Leura + 10% olivine + 6.5% H<sub>2</sub>O (Green, 1973a).

Assuming a selective sampling process, all or most of the other xenoliths are inferred to come from similar depths.

## 6. INTERACTION BETWEEN MAGMAS AND LHERZOLITE WALLROCK

Wallrock relationships between magma and lherzolites can be observed in the case of composite xenoliths.

The composite xenolith BM-109 consists of amphibole-bearing lherzolite and a vein of hornblendite. The amphibole of the vein has high  $\text{TiO}_2$  and low  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  contrasting with the high  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ , low  $\text{TiO}_2$  pargasite of the lherzolite. Exactly on the border between the two rock types a transitional amphibole, having both high  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$  has been found (Tr-amph of BM-109, appendix 3), which is slightly zoned in Cr towards a core of spinel. Thus it is possible to form intermediate amphiboles by reaction of veining magma and wallrock, but this type is restricted to a thin contact zone (<1 cm in this case). Because of the limited nature of this reaction it is concluded that the existence of pargasitic amphibole as a disseminated phase, particularly in large nodules (up to 20 cm diameter), in which no veins are present, is evidence for an origin by a process other than direct reaction between wallrock and veining magma.

Similarly the composite xenolith BM-116, consisting of lherzolite + pyroxenite, can be used to assess the effect of wallrock reaction. Pyroxenites are interpreted as high pressure precipitates from magmas (Irving, 1980; Wilshire *et al.*, 1980). The garnet within the pyroxenites from Lake Bullenmerri is not a magmatic precipitate, but a consequence of metamorphic reaction between aluminous pyroxene and spinel on cooling at high pressures (Irving, 1974b; Ellis, 1976; Hollis, 1981). At the contact of the two rock types (width approximately 1 cm) a garnet-free zone exists with wormy intergrowth of green spinel and clinopyroxene, followed by a thin shell of clinopyroxenite and a sharp contact with the lherzolite.



Whichever petrogenetic model for this succession is applied (diffusion interaction between lherzolite and pyroxenite, or development of a chemical gradient within the crystallizing/fractionating magma), the affected zone is very small. This very limited wallrock reaction again makes it unlikely that far-reaching or large-scale alterations of the wallrock take place.

It should be noted that because there is some wallrock reaction within the first centimetre of the contact, the chemistry of thin veins is likely to be slightly altered, e.g. towards higher Mg-values or lower Ti. This applies to the 1.3 cm thick vein of hornblendite in sample BM-109 and particularly to the few millimetre thick phlogopite vein in sample LE-00. Therefore, the original chemistry of veining materials may be better represented by discrete xenoliths (such as the hornblendites BM-117 and BM-156, each of which has a diameter of about 20 cm), and which are likely to stem from thicker veins and dykes. Thus these samples have been used to infer the nature of the hornblende-precipitating magma.

Sample BM-156 contains a patch consisting mainly of Cr-free, Ti-rich, low-Mg pyroxenes (Mg values  $\approx 75$ ) within a matrix of poikilitic amphibole. The matrix amphibole of the pyroxenite has a higher Mg-value ( $Mg_{72}$ ) than that of the enclosing hornblendite ( $Mg_{68}$ ) (amphibole b and a of BM-156, appendix 3). From the chemical character of the patch in relation to its host and the textural evidence I prefer to interpret the pyroxenite as a precipitate from a magma, which later precipitated the intergrown amphibole and mica. I thus interpret the hornblendite as a precipitate from a magma rather than vapour-phase fluid on the basis of this sample and on the similarity of hornblende compositions to near-liquidus phases of basanite and nepheline mugearite (cf. Irving, 1971). Also, cumulate textures have been reported for amphibole-bearing nodules elsewhere in the Newer Volcanics (Ellis, 1976).

The inference that the brown kaersutitic hornblende is a magmatic precipitate is a further constraint on possible wallrock reactions, because the permeability of anhydrous lherzolites to basaltic magmas is extremely low, but permeability to a fluid is probably much higher (Rovetta, 1981). The conclusion that kaersutitic hornblendites are precipitates from a magma and that the magma has very limited capabilities of wallrock reaction does not exclude a relationship between disseminated amphiboles in lherzolites and pyroxenite/hornblendite veining system. The amphibole-precipitating magmas are hydrous (cf. Green, 1973a) and so may release excess  $H_2O$  during crystallization. This water may then enter the lherzolite wall-rock and cause widespread hydration reactions such as  $cpx + sp + H_2O \rightarrow amph$ . Thus amphibole produced in this way is uniformly distributed through the lherzolite, nucleation sites being determined by local chemical composition (e.g. cpx-sp contact). This contrasts with the expectation of a zonal arrangement or gradient in amphibole abundance, if the  $H_2O$ -rich fluid is also a source of major components of the amphibole (i.e. a strongly metasomatising fluid).

## 7. PETROGENESIS OF THE UPPERMOST MANTLE BENEATH VICTORIA

The linear character of the chemical variations in the lherzolite nodules makes it possible to model the composition of the nodules as residual mantle compositions for varying degrees of extraction of partial melts. As a source composition one of the most fertile lherzolite nodules (BM-15) has been chosen. This nodule is closely comparable with model mantle compositions in both major elements and trace element concentrations (cf. Green *et al.*, 1979; Ringwood, 1966; Frey *et al.*, 1978) (table 6A), and is similar in composition to the most "fertile" nodules of similar world-wide occurrences (Jagoutz *et al.*, 1979).

If we apply a batch melting model to this source composition then the oxide composition of the extracted partial melt must lie on the extended trendlines for the oxide variations within the nodules themselves. Matching of MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CaO can be achieved using olivine melilitites or basanites as the extracted melts, but this matching produces source compositions with extremely high TiO<sub>2</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O (i.e. > 1%) and requires 5-30% melt extraction to produce the observed lherzolite range. High degrees of melting for olivine melilitites or basanites are inconsistent with four-phase residual mineralogy (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, garnet) for these liquids as deduced from experimental studies which suggest degrees of partial melting around 5% (Green, 1973a; Frey *et al.*, 1978). These models are also inconsistent with experimental studies suggesting depths of 80-100 km rather than 40-60 km for magma segregation for these magmas (Green, 1973a, Brey & Green, 1977).

It has previously been suggested that the lherzolite mineralogy of the Victorian lherzolites may reflect early magmatic events associated with oceanic lithosphere in the late Precambrian (Crawford & Keays, 1978; Crawford, 1983). Experimental results on model mantle and natural lherzolites (Green *et al.*, 1979) argue that picritic liquids are extracted

from a mantle under oceanic conditions. Therefore a liquid composition has been chosen resembling closely a possible parental picrite (DSDP 3-18 + 17% ol) for MORB (Green *et al.*, 1979; table 6A) but also constrained to fit the lherzolite trend lines passing through the model source (BM-15). The results of the mixing calculations are listed in table 6B. The fit is generally very good for all major oxides including  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The least satisfactory fit is with  $\text{FeO}$ . It should be noted that even though  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  shows only a weak correlation with the  $\text{MgO}$  in the nodules and hence some scatter in the source estimations is expected, the calculated values for  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  are consistent with or only slightly higher than those for model mantles and fertile nodules. The misfit of sample BM-139 has previously been related to the exceptionally high pargasite content of this nodule.

The chemical variations within the lherzolites, including both hydrous and anhydrous examples, can thus be satisfactorily explained by early partial melting events. Comparison with lherzolite nodules from other localities shows that similar relations exist for a number of locations. However, garnet lherzolites from kimberlite cannot be modelled this way (appendix 4).

The presence of hydrous phases and their textural relationships to clinopyroxene and spinel suggests that a fluid phase, composed mainly of water, entered the rocks and changed their mineralogy in a near-isochemical way. The water entering the lherzolites may however contain elements in the order of ppm concentrations. The changes in chemistry for major oxides would then be undetectable, but may be significant for some trace elements. The quantitative effect on trace element concentrations such as REE cannot be assessed at this stage. While Stosch & Seck (1980) record systematic differences in REE patterns for anhydrous and hydrous lherzolites from West Germany, Frey & Green (1974), working on Victorian lherzolites, did not.

The close matching obtained in table 6B suggests that the batch melting model is probably a close approximation, but it is envisaged that

Table 6a

	Pyrolite		BM-15	DSDP3-18 + 17% ol	Picrite used	Pyrolite*
	a	b				
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.40	0.57	0.40	1.65	1.65	
MgO	38.80	37.50	37.99	16.70	17.70	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.40	3.50	3.86	13.70	12.80	
SiO	45.00	45.20	44.95	48.30	48.10	
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.003	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.01	
CaO	3.40	3.10	3.54	10.90	10.80	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.17	0.71	0.17	0.60	0.62	
FeO	7.60	8.60	8.27	7.90	7.90	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.45	0.43	0.41	0.06	0.06	
MnO	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.12	
NiO	0.26	0.20	0.24	0.08	0.08	
Zr			16			15.5
Sc			15			20
V			86			75

Pyrolite a from Green *et al.*, 1979; pyrolite b from Ringwood, 1966;

\* pyrolite from Frey *et al.*, 1978.

Table 6b: Mantle compositions calculated as composition of residual  
nodule + X% picrite = source.

	BM-139 +2.6%	BM-144 +10.6%	BM-167 +11.8%	BM-162 +16.5%	BM-160 +16.9%	BM-99 +21.8%
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.72	0.32	0.36	0.43	0.40	0.45
MgO	38.05	37.86	38.03	38.02	38.07	38.13
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.85	3.69	3.95	3.87	4.04	4.10
SiO <sub>2</sub>	44.88	45.03	44.86	45.02	44.88	44.86
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
CaO	3.70	3.41	3.61	3.61	3.58	3.69
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.18	0.14	0.17	0.15	0.20	0.17
FeO	8.30	8.52	8.52	7.67	8.15	7.90
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.40	0.37	0.33	0.39	0.38	0.34
MnO	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.13
NiO	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.24

	BM-69 +22.9%	BM-134 +25.0%	BM-9 +27.7%	BM-163 +29.9%	BM-15 nodule
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.49	0.65	0.59	0.66	0.40
MgO	38.15	38.11	38.06	38.20	37.99
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.21	4.14	4.06	4.31	3.86
SiO <sub>2</sub>	44.81	44.74	44.97	44.84	44.95
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
CaO	3.61	3.62	3.47	3.68	3.54
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.17
FeO	8.07	8.65	7.74	7.47	8.27
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.27	0.28	0.30	0.28	0.41
MnO	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.14
NiO	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.24	0.24

processes transitional between fractional partial melting and batch melting occur. This may result in a slight curvature for some element variations.

In the model presented, the sampled area is envisaged as a source region, in which magma segregation took place. Local incomplete segregation is envisaged and would result in areas consisting of varying proportions of depleted source and trapped melt. Table 6B shows that the residue, melt and source are related as 70% residue (harzburgite) + 30% melt (picrite) = source lherzolite (BM-15). Any simple mixtures of residue and melt will fall on the variation lines defined by the depleted nodules.

The two unusual lherzolites (BM-143 and BM-137) noted previously do not fit the simple mixing model. More complex processes must be involved, but cannot be specified. The layered texture of BM-137 may be a consequence of pressure-solution creep, a process suggested for some alpine peridotites (Dick & Sinton, 1979). Alternatively it may be interpreted as being a part of a hornblende-riegite dyke (Lensch, 1976).

The cumulates transported alongside the lherzolites are difficult to recognize and to model, because they may either stem from the period of the early partial melting event or may be derived from later magmatic events including the early eruptions of the host magma suite. Recrystallization of these cumulates occurs as evidenced by the metamorphic growth of garnet in the pyroxenites. Original textures are thus in many cases eliminated, though cumulate textured pyroxenites and wehrlites have been documented by Ellis (1976), distinct in both mineral chemistry and petrography from the now recrystallized cumulates.

Additional difficulties arise from a possible late-stage change in mineralogy: if the hydration events occurred at a late stage, early cumulates too may have suffered from this process. Amphiboles originally precipitated and those produced by hydration of cumulates will be hard to distinguish. Therefore, classification has to rely largely on bulk rock chemistry and to some extent on mineral chemistry.

In those cases where cumulus textures are well preserved it is possible to infer the character of a parental magma. This is the case for BM-168, which for this reason has been placed in a separate group (G). The preservation of excellent cumulate texture is consistent with an origin from basanites related to, but slightly preceding the eruption of the host basanite.

#### 8. SUMMARY OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE UPPERMOST MANTLE BENEATH VICTORIA AND CONCLUSIONS (fig. 11)

1. Lherzolites are the major rock type of the uppermost mantle (lithosphere) of the region at a depth of less than 60 km, probably around 45 km.
2. This part of the subcontinental lithosphere records an early history of extraction of picrite basalt of oceanic type from a relatively homogeneous mantle comparable to the model mantle "pyrolite". This early history is likely to reflect the presence of a marginal sea basin in late Precambrian times.
3. The chemical variation of the lherzolites is due to varying degrees of extraction of such a liquid, thereby introducing heterogeneity into the mantle. The uppermost mantle is not simply zoned chemically from fertile to refractory, but at any depth all degrees of depletion (from 0-30%) may be present.
4. Pargasitic amphibole in the lherzolites is developed as a later and probably much later, event by a near-isochemical hydration reaction of the phases of the lherzolites, particularly involving spinel. Other than addition of water and in a few rare cases of small amounts of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  possibly, there is no evidence for addition of other components in other than trace (ppm) amounts.

5. Hydration metasomatism occurs within the lithosphere and predates or is contemporaneous with the development of the alkaline magmatism. However the lithosphere is not the source region of the alkaline magmas so that the presence of amphibole or phlogopite cannot be taken as evidence that mantle metasomatism is a precursor event to alkaline magmatism.
6. Hydration metasomatism changes the mineralogy of parts of the lithosphere into a five-phase assemblage. Thus it introduces a mineralogical heterogeneity which does not reflect a major chemical heterogeneity super-imposed on that produced by earlier partial melting event(s).
7. Within the lithosphere, segregated bodies of magma from the earliest magmatic event(s) and later batches of magma passing through the lithosphere may crystallize, either partially or completely, giving rise to cumulates such as pyroxenites, hornblendites, wehrlites and Fe-rich lherzolites. Cumulates are often reworked and recrystallized. The existence of pockets, lenses, dykes and veins of this nature adds further to the present heterogeneous character of the lithosphere.
8. Wallrock reaction of magmas fractionating under mantle pressure is very restricted and contributes only very locally to the chemistry and mineralogy of the lithosphere. However these magmas may release water upon crystallization and produce widely distributed hydration reactions in the lherzolites (and early cumulates). Thus it seems more likely that the development of alkaline magmatism is the precursor of the hydration metasomatism of the uppermost mantle rather than *vice versa*.



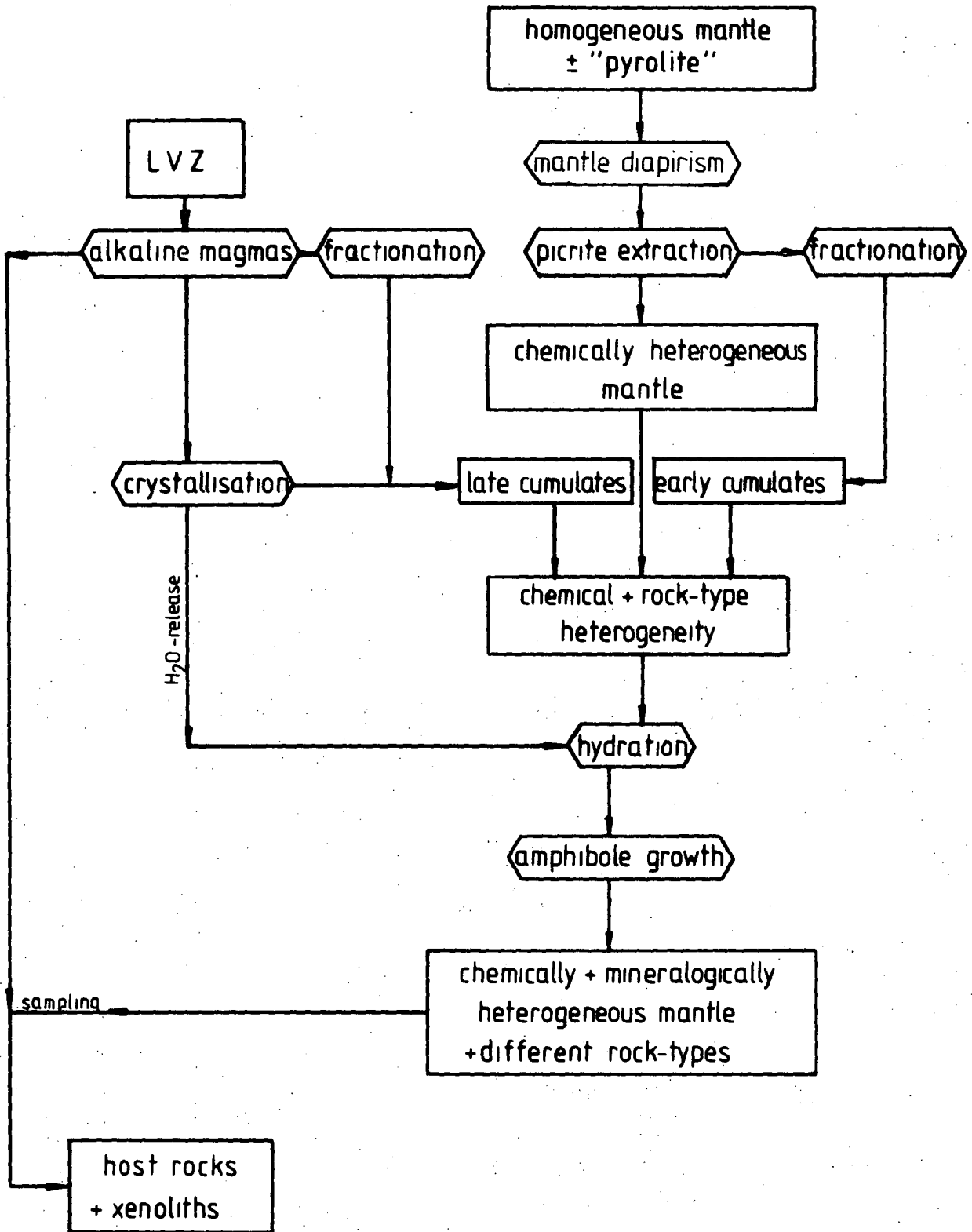


Figure 11: Flow diagram illustrating the model for the evolution of the uppermost mantle beneath the sampled area.

## PART II

AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY BEARING ON PHASE RELATIONSHIPSIN THE SYSTEM CMAS (CaO-MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>).

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## 9. INTRODUCTION

The CMAS system differs from the MAS system in that the addition of Ca leads to the formation of clinopyroxene in experimental runs and thus all four major phases of garnet lherzolites-olivine, ortho- and clinopyroxene and garnet can be synthesized. CMAS is therefore much closer to the mineralogy of natural upper mantle samples and provides better starting points for the extrapolation of experimental results to natural rocks.

In CMAS the calibration of the widely used cpx-opx thermometers (Wells, 1977; Wood & Banno, 1973; Davis & Boyd, 1966) can be checked for aluminous pyroxenes. The spinel-garnet transition in this system is a univariant reaction and provides information on the mineralogical stratification of the uppermost mantle, even though the results cannot be applied directly to natural rocks as shown in the following chapters.

The great effect of Ca on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in pyroxene has been recognized by Akella (1976) and has been confirmed in Fe-bearing systems (Ellis & Green, 1979; Wood, 1974; Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982).

While experimental results on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene coexisting with garnet in the system MAS are in good agreement with each other (McGregor, 1974; Perkins *et al.*, 1981; Harley, 1981), this is not the case for CMAS. The values derived by Akella (1976) have been disputed by Howells & O'Hara (1978), who claimed lower values of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene for a given P-T condition to be in equilibrium with garnet.

Therefore experiments in the system CMAS have been performed in the range 950-1400°C and 15-30 kb. Subsequently more data on CMAS have been published by Perkins & Newton (1980), which provide a check on the results of this study with those of an independent laboratory.

Thermodynamic formulations and conventional solution models used in this and subsequent parts follow those outlined by Wood & Fraser (1978).

## 10. EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

Experiments were carried out using a 12.7 mm (0.5 inch) piston cylinder apparatus at the Geology Department, University of Tasmania. The experimental techniques were similar to those described by Green & Ringwood (1967b).

Temperatures were measured using a Pt/Pt<sub>90</sub>Rh<sub>10</sub> thermocouple and controlled to within  $\pm 7^\circ\text{C}$  of the set point. Experimental studies on the apparent temperature drift of Pt/Pt<sub>90</sub>Rh<sub>10</sub> thermocouples with time (Presnall *et al.*, 1973) show that drifting occurs to a measurable degree only above  $1400^\circ\text{C}$  (fig. 4 of Presnall *et al.*, 1973). The range of the experimental temperatures extends only to  $1400^\circ\text{C}$ , hence the recorded temperatures are regarded as the true temperatures. During runs over prolonged times the input current required to maintain the temperature at the set point had to be increased. This is attributed to changes in the characteristics of the graphite heater/talc sleeve by water released from dehydrating talc. Calibration of thermocouples after experiments and DTA experiments carried out before and after long run times demonstrate that there has been no degradation of thermocouples under run conditions matching those of this study (Harley, 1981). Confirmation of this conclusion comes from runs where NaCl cells were used (see Chapter 19). In these assemblages no increases in EMF and input current were necessary even for long durations.

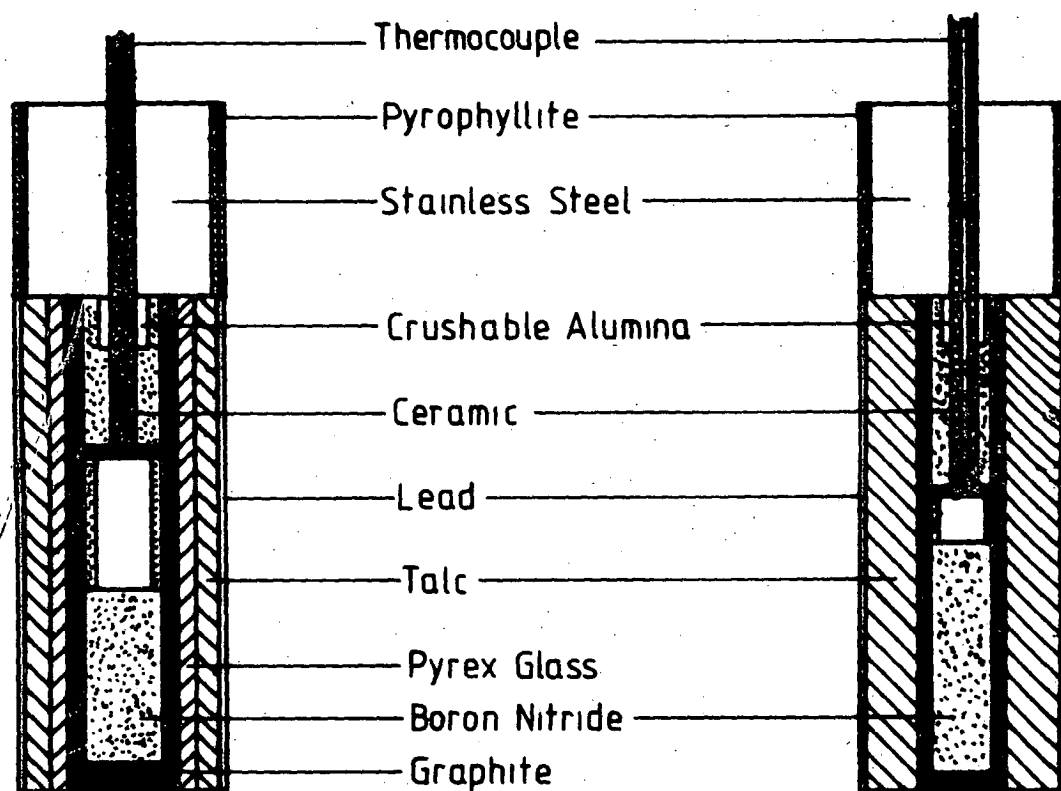
The runs were performed by using the "piston-in" technique, i.e. the assemblage was brought close to the final temperature and pressure, then the temperature was brought to the set point and the pressure subsequently increased to the nominated value. This method requires -10% correction to calculate real pressures from measured load pressures. The accuracy of this method is  $\pm 1$  kb (Green *et al.*, 1966; Johannes *et al.*, 1971).

High pressure cells used are shown in figure 12. The large capacity or "buffer" assemblage was used to synthesize minerals in order to serve as

Figure 12: High pressure cells used for experiments in the CMAS system. Shown are cross sections through the cells and the material of the individual parts. Cell names "dry", "wet" and "buffer" refer to the common use of the assemblages, i.e. "dry" cells were used in experiments with no or only traces of  $H_2O$  present, "wet" cells for experiments containing  $H_2O$  sealed into the capsule, and "buffer" cells were used for large capacity runs for the synthesis of minerals.

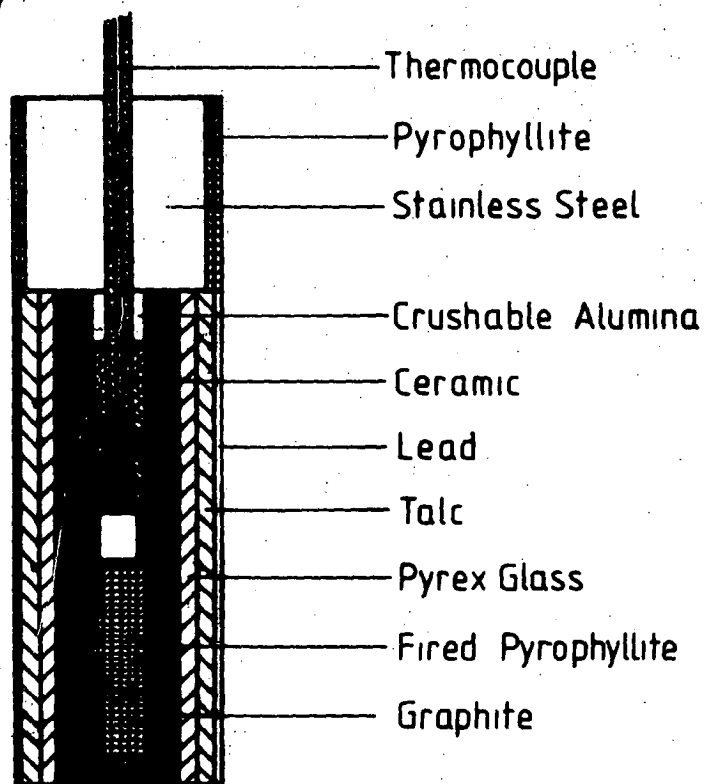
# Experimental Assemblages

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"Buffer"

"Wet"



1 cm

"Dry"

seeds.  $\text{Ag}_{50}\text{Pd}_{50}$  capsules were used for low temperatures ( $1000^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less) in CMAS, all others were performed with Pt capsules. The capsules were sealed by welding. In the case of the Ag-Pd capsules this was done under an argon stream.

The low temperature runs contained water sealed into the capsule ( $\approx 5\text{-}10\text{ wt.}\%$ ) to serve as a flux. The sealing was checked by weighing before and after heating at  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$  for several minutes.

Initial experiments of varying duration were carried out to establish suitable run durations. The established conditions are similar to those used by Harley (1981) at similar temperatures. In the evaluation experiments, shorter run times resulted in greater inhomogeneity of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents in orthopyroxene, compositional zoning of minerals and smaller grain size.

## 11. STARTING MATERIALS

The starting material for CMAS runs was prepared from pure oxide reagents. The oxides were ground together in an agate mortar under acetone. The grinding procedure was repeated three to four times to achieve homogeneity. The mixture was then pelletised and sintered in a 1 atm. furnace at  $990^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight. Subsequently the pellet was reground and a part of this mixture was then converted to a glass by melting on an iridium-strip heater, resulting in a clear glass. The glass was then ground under acetone.

For mineral syntheses of pyrope, enstatite, diopside and spinel a stoichiometric mix of pure oxides was treated as described for the sintering process. The material was then loaded into large capacity  $\text{Ag}_{50}\text{Pd}_{50}$  or Pt capsules and subjected to P and T listed in table 7. The resulting minerals were checked optically and by XRD. Only minor impurities ( $<5\%$ ) were detected.

Table 7: Conditions of synthesis of minerals.

Mineral	Capsule	Duration (hrs)	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (kb)
pyrope	Ag <sub>50</sub> Pd <sub>50</sub>	3	1100	25
enstatite	Pt	5	1150	15
diopside	Ag <sub>50</sub> Pd <sub>50</sub>	5	1150	15
spinel	Pt	5	1350	15

The synthesized phases were then added to the oxide mixture, each seed mineral as 1% of the mix. The seeded mixture was reground to achieve homogeneous distribution of the seeds. The seeding, especially with garnet, is regarded as necessary, because of nucleation problems (Howells & O'Hara, 1978). The chemical composition of the starting material as mixed is listed below (table 8).

Table 8: CMAS starting material.

SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.7 wt.%
MgO	30.2 wt.%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.3 wt.%
CaO	5.8 wt.%

The composition was checked by regularly analysing run products for bulk composition under the microprobe with a wide area scan. A small excess of SiO<sub>2</sub> (≈47 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> by analysis) is present, most probably due to the contamination of the mixture with SiO<sub>2</sub> from the agate mortar during the repeated grinding procedures. The composition of the CMAS mixture is similar to that used by Akella (1976).



## 12. ANALYSIS OF RUN PRODUCTS

After completion of high pressure runs the sealed capsules were opened and several fragments from each capsule were mounted in epoxy resin. Fragments come from different levels inside the capsule relative to the position of the thermocouple. No changes of compositions from fragment to fragment were detected, confirming assembly calibration experiments which show negligible ( $<10^\circ$ ) temperature gradients over the sample length.

Analyses of the phases were obtained using an energy-dispersive system with a JEOL-JXA 50A microprobe. All analyses were made at 15 kv and  $2.1 \times 10^{-9}$  A. (EDAX detector, calibrated on spec pure Cu). Standards to calibrate the microprobe were clinopyroxene, olivine, and garnet of known composition. Analytical and data reduction procedures used are given by Griffin (1979).

The poikilitic character of many garnet crystals makes analysis of this phase difficult in many runs. Even though inclusions within garnet can be distinguished by means of back scattered electron image or secondary electron images, the volume effect of the primary beam often results in analyses representing mixtures of garnet and inclusion. The beam has a spot mode diameter of  $<1 \mu\text{m}$ , however a larger volume of  $\approx 2 \mu\text{m}$  diameter is penetrated by the beam and analysed. Mixtures between olivine and garnet are apparent from deviations of the garnet structural formula from 8.000 (based on 12 oxygen). For mixtures between garnet and pyroxenes this criterion is not valid, but differences in the internal structure ( $\text{Si} > 3$ ,  $\text{Al} < 2$ ) indicate contamination. Small deviations from an ideal garnet structure may however also be due to limitations in the accuracy of the microprobe.

Most garnet analyses and accordingly the mean of the analyses do show evidence for some contamination, but a rather uniform Ca/Ca+Mg ratio. As discussed in chapter 21 large contaminations are required before there is

a major change of the Ca/Ca+Mg ratio of the garnet and this ratio only is used for calculations in the following chapters. Where evidence for a major contamination in any single analysis was detected, this analysis was discarded.

### 13. RUN PRODUCTS - CMAS

Average analyses of run products, normalised to 100%, are listed in table 9. Run products in CMAS have generally a typical subsolidus texture with polygonal to lobate mosaics of pyroxenes and garnet. The grainsize is variable and dependent on temperature and run time, correlating positively with both. This is only a general trend and within any run there is a range in grainsize and only the maximum grainsizes are different. The range is generally between 3 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , but poikilitic garnets may be as large as 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Garnet is usually poikilitic with numerous inclusions of pyroxenes and/or olivine. The lack of evidence for the persistence of pyrope seeds argues that the reaction has gone to completion and that garnet is not zoned.

Orthopyroxenes in runs at higher temperatures (1200°C and above) have a small spread in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content which is either within or slightly above the precision of microprobe analysis. This and the absence of mineral zoning are regarded as further evidence for the completeness of the reaction. At lower temperatures the spread in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  of orthopyroxene is higher (cf. standard deviations given in table 9). Although this spread may stem from  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  zoning in pyroxene, the small grainsize makes it impossible to establish this unambiguously. It is believed that the small grainsize makes it more likely that the range in analyses represents a contamination by another phase such as clinopyroxene or garnet. Owing to the long run

Table 9: Run products CMAS.

RUN: T-690, seeded sintered oxide mix, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, wet assemblage, water added. Conditions: 950°C, 30 kb, 120 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	39.04(.41)	1.947	20.16(1.2)	1.075	25.67(.54)	2.608
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.83(.18)	0.072	1.22(.52)	0.051	24.59(.04)	1.975
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.72(.37)	1.964	55.17(.26)	1.974	44.17(.20)	3.011
CaO	0.41(.01)	0.014	23.45(1.4)	0.899	5.55(.35)	0.405
		<u>3.999</u>		<u>4.000</u>		<u>8.000</u>

RUN: T-726, seeded glass mix, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, wet assemblage, water added, Fo present. Conditions: 1000°C, 20 kb, 71 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	37.97(.90)	1.895	20.13(.95)	1.070	25.28(.62)	2.565
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.85(1.0)	0.151	3.08(.53)	0.129	24.83(1.4)	1.992
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.53(.84)	1.926	54.38(.46)	1.939	44.37(1.5)	3.021
CaO	0.64(.18)	0.022	22.41(1.3)	0.856	5.51(.70)	0.402
		<u>3.997</u>		<u>3.995</u>		<u>7.982</u>

RUN: T-685, seeded sintered oxide mix, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, wet assemblage, water added. Conditions: 1000°C, 30 kb, 96 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	38.92(.59)	1.942	20.15	1.075	26.23(.16)	2.658
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.97(.86)	0.077	1.80	0.075	24.74(.10)	1.982
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.62(.41)	1.962	54.59	1.955	44.29(.12)	3.011
CaO	0.46(.21)	0.016	23.46	0.900	4.72(.18)	0.343
		<u>3.998</u>		<u>4.006</u>		<u>7.996</u>

RUN: T-723, seeded glass mix, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, wet assemblage, water added, Fo present. Conditions: 1000°C, 30 kb, 98 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	38.90(.55)	1.938	19.93(.26)	1.063	25.35(.11)	2.571
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.49(.44)	0.050	1.10(.28)	0.046	24.87(.12)	1.994
SiO <sub>2</sub>	59.24(.31)	1.980	55.36(.01)	1.981	44.41(.08)	3.022
CaO	0.37(.06)	0.013	23.61(.49)	0.905	5.37(.06)	0.391
		<u>3.999</u>		<u>3.995</u>		<u>7.980</u>

RUN: T-607, seeded oxide mix, Pt capsule, dry assemblage, slightly moist, Fo present. Conditions: 1200°C, 20 kb, 48 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	36.28(.33)	1.814	19.64(1.2)	1.040	24.63(.37)	2.520
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.98(.30)	0.276	7.00(.30)	0.293	24.92(.04)	1.967
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.59(.25)	1.865	52.37(.39)	1.860	44.19(.13)	3.033
CaO	1.14(.22)	0.040	20.97(.84)	0.798	6.26(.34)	0.460
		<u>3.996</u>		<u>3.992</u>		<u>7.982</u>

Table 9 cont.

RUN: T-601, seeded sintered oxide mix, Pt capsule, dry assemblage, slightly moist. Conditions: 1200°C, 25 kb, 24 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	36.51(.64)	1.831	21.14(1.3)	1.113	25.65	2.601
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.50(.38)	0.218	5.04(.56)	0.209	25.45	2.040
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.96(.32)	1.883	54.24(.22)	1.915	43.90	2.986
CaO	2.03(.48)	0.073	19.56(1.0)	0.740	5.00	0.364
		<u>4.007</u>		<u>3.979</u>		<u>7.992</u>

RUN: T-597, seeded sintered oxide mix, Pt capsule, dry assemblage, Fo present. Conditions: 1400°C, 25 kb, 24 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
MgO	34.82(.14)	1.745	21.75(.26)	1.137	25.22(.01)	2.564
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.94(.32)	0.314	8.34(.26)	0.345	25.23(.50)	2.028
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.05(.29)	1.851	52.67(.16)	1.848	43.71(.57)	2.982
CaO	2.18(.22)	0.078	17.21(.20)	0.647	5.84(.43)	0.426
		<u>3.990</u>		<u>3.978</u>		<u>8.003</u>

RUN: T-613, seeded sintered oxide mix, Pt capsule, dry assemblage, slightly moist. Spinel present, garnet absent. Conditions: 1200°C, 15 kb, 48 hours.

Phases	opx		cpx	
MgO	35.03(.34)	1.752	19.73(.97)	1.042
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.11(.37)	0.360	8.14(.41)	0.340
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.48(.47)	1.828	51.84(.36)	1.838
CaO	1.40(.19)	0.050	20.27(1.0)	0.770
		<u>3.991</u>		<u>3.991</u>

RUN: T-609, seeded sintered oxide mix, Pt capsule, dry assemblage, slightly moist. Spinel present, garnet absent. Conditions: 1400°C, 20 kb, 24 hours.

Phase	opx	
MgO	35.13(.10)	1.757
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.53(.20)	0.377
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.13(.20)	1.816
CaO	1.20(.11)	0.043
		<u>3.994</u>

durations it is assumed that the reaction is complete and mean values are taken as equilibrium values.

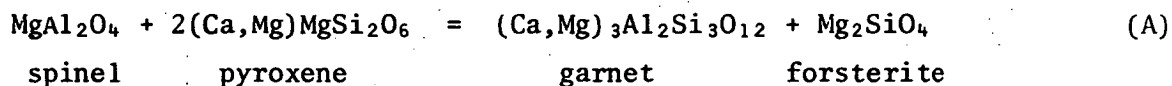
Clinopyroxene is a minor phase and in some cases is difficult to find. Analyses show a higher spread in CaO contents, reflecting likely contamination with other neighbouring phases. Forsterite is a minor or accessory phase of the assemblages and could not be found in all cases.

Spinel and garnet exclude each other in the system CMAS in the presence of pyroxenes and forsterite. Both spinel and garnet together were only found in few unequilibrated runs performed to establish run conditions.

Melting occurred in some runs. Optically some carbonates were found in those runs. This is regarded as being introduced by acetone, which was used to grind the mixture and to clean the metal capsules. Initially mixes were not dried by heating following grinding. Under the conditions of the runs acetone will decompose to water and CO<sub>2</sub> and serve as a flux, but also lower the solidus. Excessive melting occurred at 1400°C and 20 kb. No clinopyroxenes other than possible quench (sub-calcic) pyroxenes were found in this run. Due to quenching problems the composition of the melt could not be satisfactorily established.

14. SPINEL-GARNET TRANSITION

Spinel and garnet are incompatible with each other in the presence of olivine and two pyroxenes in the CMAS system apart from conditions at the univariant reaction



Determinations of this boundary have been given by Jenkins & Newton (1979), O'Hara *et al.* (1971), and O'Neill (1981) on the basis of experiments in CMAS. Theoretical calculations were published by Herzberg (1978b) and Obata (1976). At low temperatures (1000°C and less) some uncertainty persists, but the boundary is fairly well established within a 3 kb bracket, rendering Obata's (1976) model as inadequate for low temperatures. No further bracketing has been attempted in this study, but the unreversed experiments in CMAS confirm the studies mentioned above within a wide bracket (fig. 13).

The garnet-spinel transition has some relevance to the mineral facies of the upper mantle, because basaltic rocks commonly contain spinel lherzolites, whereas inclusions in kimberlites are dominated by garnet-bearing types. In natural systems and Cr-bearing systems this reaction is no longer univariant, but also dependent on bulk chemistry. Thus determinations of the reaction in CMAS cannot be directly applied to natural rocks. This problem is discussed in chapter 24.

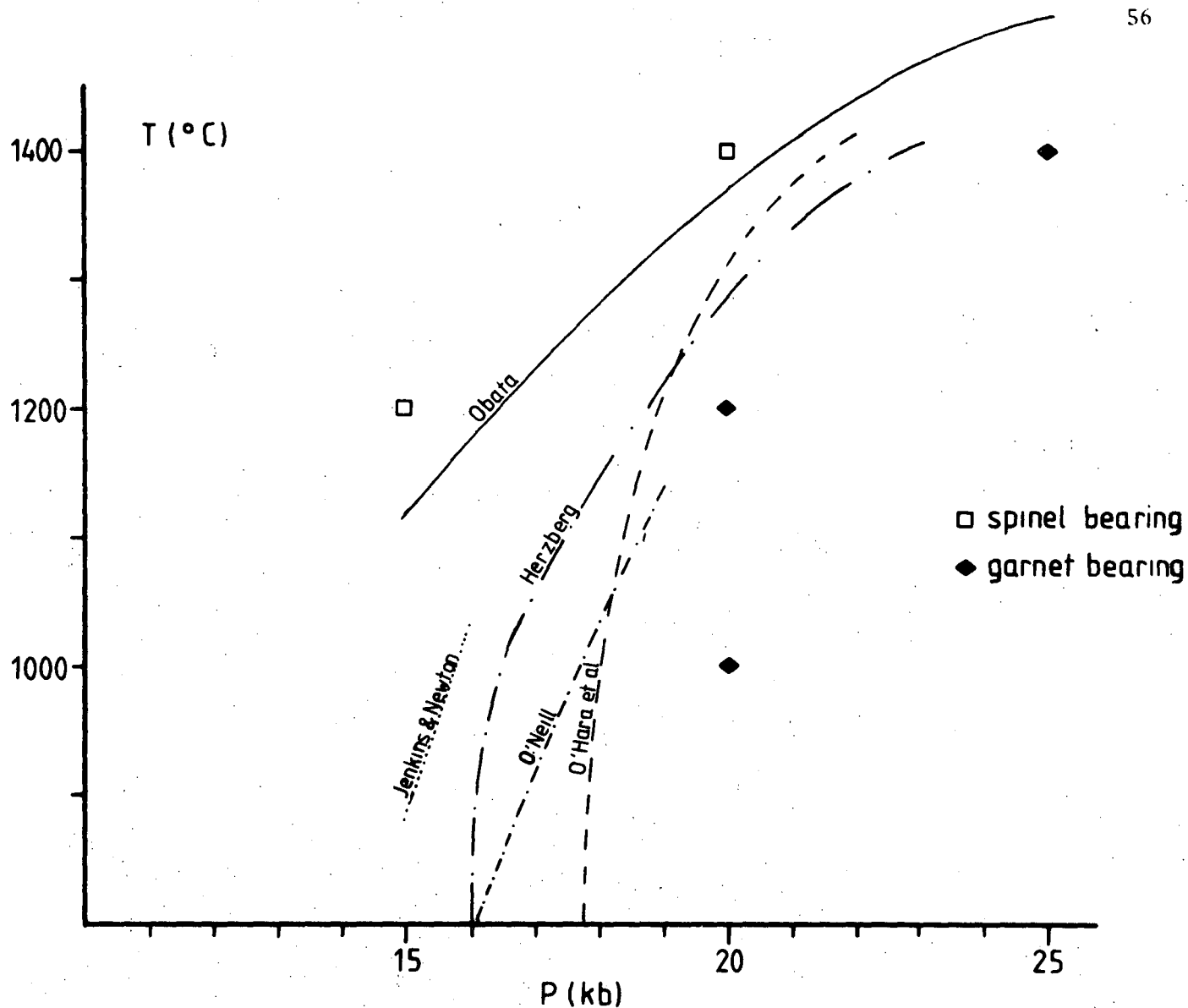


Figure 13: Character of the aluminous phase coexisting with two pyroxenes  $\pm$  forsterite in CMAS runs compared to experimental determinations (Jenkins & Newton, 1979; O'Hara *et al.*, 1971; O'Neill, 1981) and theoretical calculations (Herzberg, 1978; Obata, 1976) of the univariant reaction  $\text{sp} + (\text{opx}, \text{cpx}) = \text{gt} + \text{fo}$  in the CMAS system.

## 15. Ca-Mg EXCHANGE BETWEEN PYROXENES

The miscibility gap between coexisting ortho- and clinopyroxene is the basis for the most widely used geothermometer for upper mantle rocks. Determinations of this gap in the system CMS (CaO-MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub>) (Boyd & Schairer, 1964; Davis & Boyd, 1966; Lindsley & Dixon, 1976; Mori & Green, 1975; Nehru & Wyllie, 1974) showed the sensitivity of the two-pyroxene solvus to temperatures above about 900°C. While P effects are still ambiguous (Mori & Green, 1976, 1978; Lindsley *et al.*, 1981; Brey, 1982), but will be important only at higher temperatures (1300°C and above), compositional effects on the solvus are known for Fe.

In the CMS system the Ca/Ca+Mg ratios of the pyroxenes are an adequate expression of their relationship in respect to the miscibility gap. In the CMAS system, where Al substitutes in both pyroxenes (MgSi-AlAl) to form Mg-tschermak's and Ca-tschermak's molecules, the thermodynamic formulation of the reaction  $\text{en}(\text{opx}) = \text{en}(\text{cpx})$  requires activity composition models to be formulated. Models have been presented by Wood & Banno (1973) and Wells (1977) defining the activity of enstatite in both ortho- and clinopyroxene as the product of the mole fractions of Mg in the M1 and M2 position. The new experiments in CMAS confirm the now widely acknowledged superiority of Wells (1977) formulation (Carswell & Gibb, 1980) (fig. 14). The new data presented here suggest, but do not convincingly demonstrate a pressure effect with  $\ln (a_{\text{en}}^{\text{cpx}}/a_{\text{en}}^{\text{opx}})$  increasing with increase in pressure at constant temperature. However the difficulty in clinopyroxene analyses which may bias the data to low  $a_{\text{en}}^{\text{cpx}}$  has previously been noted. The data thus may be said to be supportive of the Wells (1977) geothermometer but do not permit refinement of it.



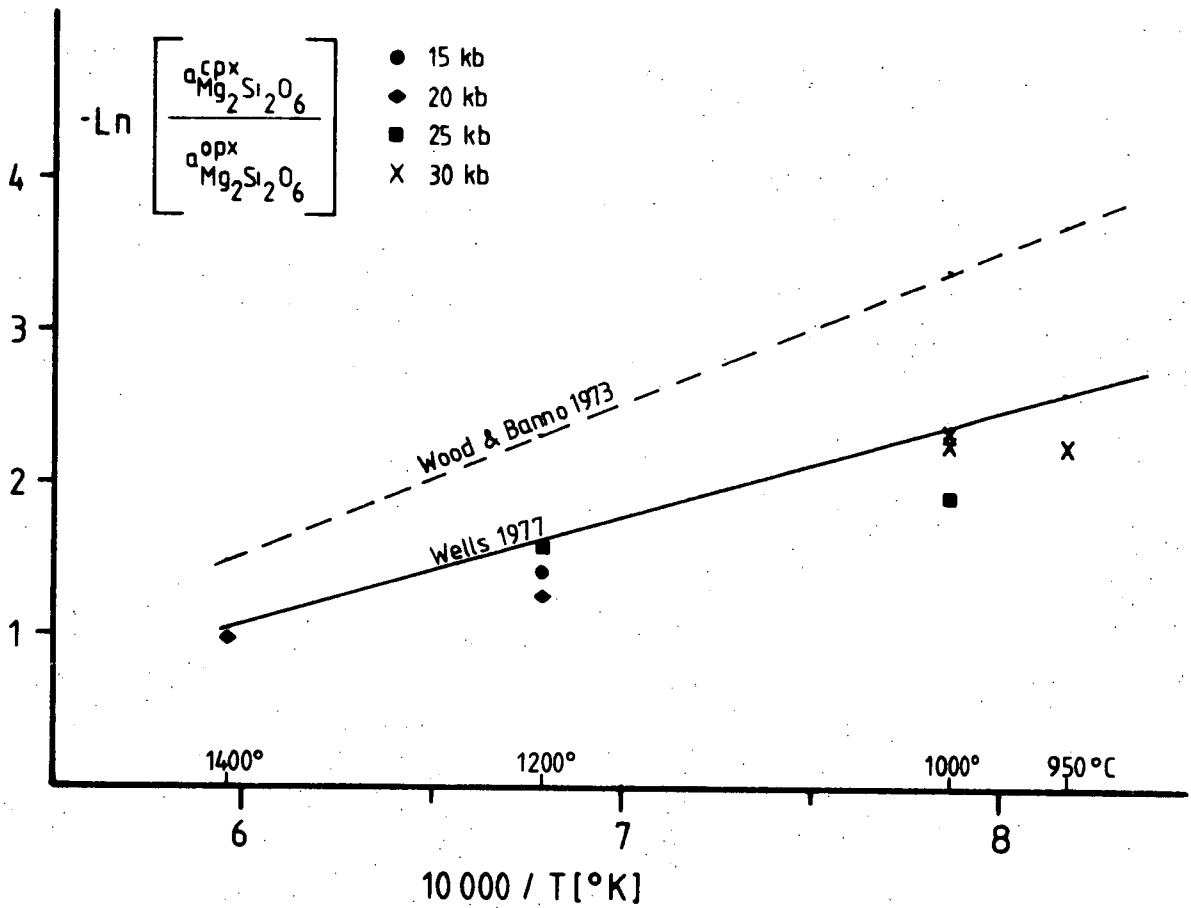
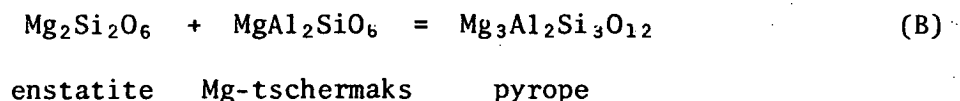


Figure 14: Plot of  $-\ln(a_{\text{en}}^{\text{cpx}}/a_{\text{en}}^{\text{opx}})$  vs.  $10,000/T$  for CMAS data of this study compared to calibrations of the cpx-opx thermometer by Wood & Banno (1973) and Wells (1977). The activity of enstatite in either of the pyroxenes is defined as the product of mole fractions of Mg in M1 and M2 site. For CMAS  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} = [1 - (\text{Al}/2)]$  and  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} = (1 - \text{Ca})$ .

16. SOLUBILITY OF  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  IN ORTHOPYROXENEThermodynamic considerations

The solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene can be described by the reaction



In the system CMAS the orthopyroxene contains Ca. Following Wood & Banno (1973) the Al in the octahedral sites is attributed to the M1 position, Ca to M2 position. Therefore the pyroxene consists of the three endmembers

	Position				
	M2	M1	B	A	
enstatite	Mg	Mg	Si	Si	$\text{O}_6$
Mg-tschermaks	Mg	Al	Al	Si	$\text{O}_6$
diopside	Ca	Mg	Si	Si	$\text{O}_6$

It follows that  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} = \frac{\Sigma \text{Al}}{2}$ ,  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} = 1 - x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  and  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} = 1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}}$ . In reality, there will be a fraction of Ca-tschermaks ( $\text{CaAl}_2\text{SiO}_6$ ) present, but assuming a similar distribution for diopside:Ca-tschermaks as given for enstatite: Mg-tschermaks, this fraction will be small and is neglected. The treatment which follows differs from that of Wood (1974) and Harley (1981) in that the diopside fraction is not neglected in thermodynamic formulations, because the temperatures of experiments are up to  $1400^\circ\text{C}$ , where a substantial amount of CaO is present.

Based on this model for orthopyroxene, activities for enstatite and Mg-tschermaks can be formulated. Assuming coupling of tetrahedral and octahedral Al we have

$$a_{\text{en}}^{\text{opx}} = x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} \times x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} \times \gamma_{\text{en}} \quad (1)$$

$$a_{\text{MgTs}}^{\text{opx}} = x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} \times x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} \times \gamma_{\text{MgTs}} \quad (2)$$

where  $X$  denotes the mole fraction in the indicated site and  $\gamma$  = activity coefficient, due to non-idealities.

Similarly the garnet is modelled to consist of the two endmembers pyrope ( $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ ) and grossular ( $\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ ) and, because no mixing occurs in the M 3+ - site of the garnet in CMAS, the activity of garnet is defined as

$$a_{\text{Py}}^{\text{gt}} = (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2+}})^3 \times \gamma_{\text{py}} = (1 - X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2+}})^3 \times \gamma_{\text{py}} \quad (3)$$

Thus the  $K$  for reaction (B) is

$$K_B = \frac{(1 - X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^3 \gamma_{\text{py}}}{[X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}]_{\text{opx}} \gamma_{\text{en}} \gamma_{\text{MgTs}}} \quad (4)$$

Non-idealities of mixing between Mg and Al on the M1 site have to be considered. This can be done by treating enstatite and Mg-tschermaks as binary regular solutions on the M1 site, so that

$$\text{RT } \ln \gamma_{\text{en}}^{\text{M1}} = (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{MgAl}} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{RT } \ln \gamma_{\text{MgTs}}^{\text{M1}} = (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{MgAl}} \quad (6)$$

( $W$  = Margules or interaction parameter).

Alternatively Mg-Al interactions can be taken into account by an excess volume of mixing term for orthopyroxene, assuming ideal mixing at 1 bar (Wood & Banno, 1973; Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982). The volume term of Wood & Banno (1973) was derived from experimental data of Skinner & Boyd (1964) and Chatterjee & Schreyer (1972). Harley (1981) combined the latter with more recent data (Danckwerth & Newton, 1978) and derived the formula

$$-dV_r = 183.3 + 178.98 (1 - X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}) X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} \quad (\text{cals/kb}) \quad (7)$$

where  $dV_r$  denotes the volume change of reaction (B). The derived values of  $dV_r$  are very similar to those obtained by the method of Wood & Banno (1973). The method of Harley (1981) has been adopted.

Rigorous thermodynamic formulation of the non-idealities of orthopyroxene requires a model for mixing between diopside and enstatite/Mg-tschermaks on the M2 site and reciprocal terms. A formulation for mixing of Ca and Mg as a binary regular solution has the form

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{en}}^{\text{M2}} = RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgTs}}^{\text{M2}} = (x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} \quad (8)$$

It is apparent that this term will be small because of the squared form of  $x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}}$ , even where a substantial amount of Ca ( $\geq 2$  wt.%) is present. The small size of  $x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}}$  renders it also unlikely that a reciprocal term is of great importance. Non-idealities due to the mixing of Ca with Mg and reciprocal interactions are therefore neglected.

Garnet in CMAS contains a substantial amount of Ca in equilibrium with orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene. A binary regular solution model has been applied and thus

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{py}} = 3(x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} \quad (9)$$

is applicable. The value for  $W_{\text{CaMg}}$  is still somewhat in dispute and different estimates have been given (Dahl, 1980; Ganguly & Kennedy, 1974; Jenkins & Newton, 1979; Oka, 1978; Saxena, 1981; Wood & Nicholls, 1978), but most estimates are in the range between 2000 and 4000 cal/mol. The value adopted here is 3000 cal/mol (Wood & Nicholls, 1978).

At equilibrium the relations

$$dG_{\text{P},\text{T}} = -RT \ln K \quad (10)$$

$$dG_{\text{1},\text{T}} = -RT \ln K - PdV = dH - TdS \quad (11)$$

are valid, where  $dG$  is the change in Gibbs free energy of reaction (B) at  $P$  and  $T$  or at 1 bar and  $T$  respectively,  $dH$  is the enthalpy change and  $dS$  is the entropy change for the reaction.

For reaction (B) we thus have

$$- \left[ RT \ln \left( \frac{(1 - x_{Ca}^{gt})^3}{x_{Mg}^{M1} (x_{Mg}^{M2})^2 x_{Al}^{M1}} \right) + 3(x_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} \right] - PdV_r = dH - TdS \quad (12)$$

The form of equation (12) is that of a linear equation, so that a linear relationship between  $dG$  and  $1/T$  exists. This is shown in fig. 15. A least-square fit to the data yields values for  $dH$  of  $-6047$  cals and  $dS = -3.23$  e.u. (entropy units =  $\text{cal mol}^{-1}\text{deg}^{-1}$ ). The values of  $dG$  determined with the new data are compared with the estimates of Wood (1974) and Harley & Green (1982) in table 10.

Table 10: Predictions of  $dG_{p,T}$  (cals/mol) for three T conditions, based on estimates for  $dH$  and  $dS$  of  $-6047$  cal,  $-3.23$  e.u. (this study),  $-5650$  cal,  $-2.93$  e.u. (Harley & Green, 1982),  $-7012$  cal,  $-3.89$  e.u. (Wood, 1974).

T (°C)	this study	Harley	Wood
1000	1935	1920	2060
1200	1289	1334	1282
1400	643	748	504

The comparison shows that the derived values at low temperatures ( $\leq 1000^\circ\text{C}$ ) are in good agreement with Harley & Green (1982), who performed almost all experiments at T below  $1200^\circ\text{C}$ . At higher temperatures, estimates deviate from predictions by Harley & Green (1982) in the direction of the predictions of Wood (1974), whose values were derived via experiments performed generally at T of  $1100^\circ\text{C}$  and above. Thus derived values are in good agreement with the best constrained experimental ranges of both workers. It is concluded that the values are a close approximation to equilibrium values and are used in further treatments.

Rearranging equation (12) gives the formulation of a barometer for the system CMAS:

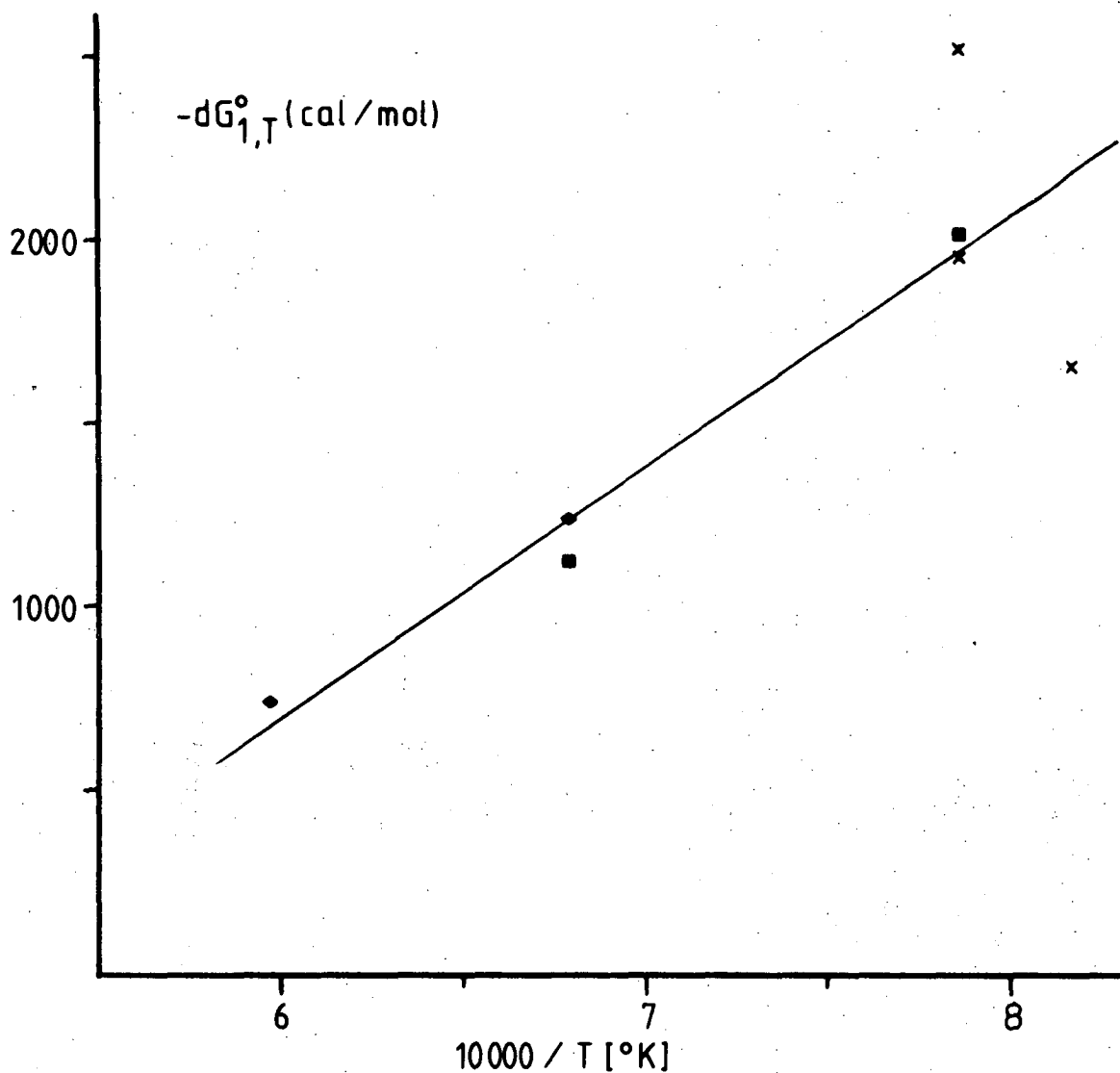


Figure 15: Plot of  $-dG_{1,T}^{\circ}$  vs.  $10,000/T$  for the reaction  $En + MgTs = py$  in CMAS.  $dG_{1,T}^{\circ}$  is the standard state energy change of this reaction at 1 bar and temperature of interest in cal/mol and is calculated as

$$[(-RT \ln K_D(B) - 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 w_{CaMg}) - PdV_r].$$

Symbols as in figure 14.

$$P(\text{kb}) = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left[ - [RT \ln K_D + 3(x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 w_{\text{CaMg}}] - dH + TdS \right] \quad (13)$$

which becomes, substituting derived and adopted values,

$$P(\text{kb}) = \frac{-RT \ln \left[ \frac{(1-x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^3}{x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} (x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}} \right] - 9000(x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 + 6047 - 3.23T}{-[183.3 + 178.98 x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} (1-x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})]} \quad (14)$$

Application of equation (14) to the data yields good agreement as shown in fig. 16. Error levels of predictions naturally rise with decreasing  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$ , because for identical accuracy of analysis the relative error increases. Thus a higher spread in estimates is expected at lower temperatures and higher pressures, both corresponding to a decrease in  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$ .

## 17. COMPARISON WITH OTHER STUDIES IN CMAS

To compare other studies in CMAS with the present results, pressures have been estimated by applying equation (14) to published experimental data. The result is shown in fig. 17. The data of Akella (1976) yield generally lower estimates than nominal run pressures. Akella (1976) used both "piston-in" and "piston-out" techniques in his experiments. In the light of the studies of Green *et al.* (1966) a friction correction of -10% should be applied to runs performed with assemblages using talc as a pressure medium under "piston-in" conditions. In the same study it is suggested that a smaller correction is necessary for the "piston-out" technique, the size of which remains unclear (Johannes *et al.*, 1971). Akella (1976) applied a  $\pm 1$  kb correction to the nominal run pressures, corresponding to about 2.5 to 4%. It is not obvious from his data, which run was performed with which technique, but it is envisaged that part of the disagreement between estimates and nominal pressures is due to different friction corrections applied.

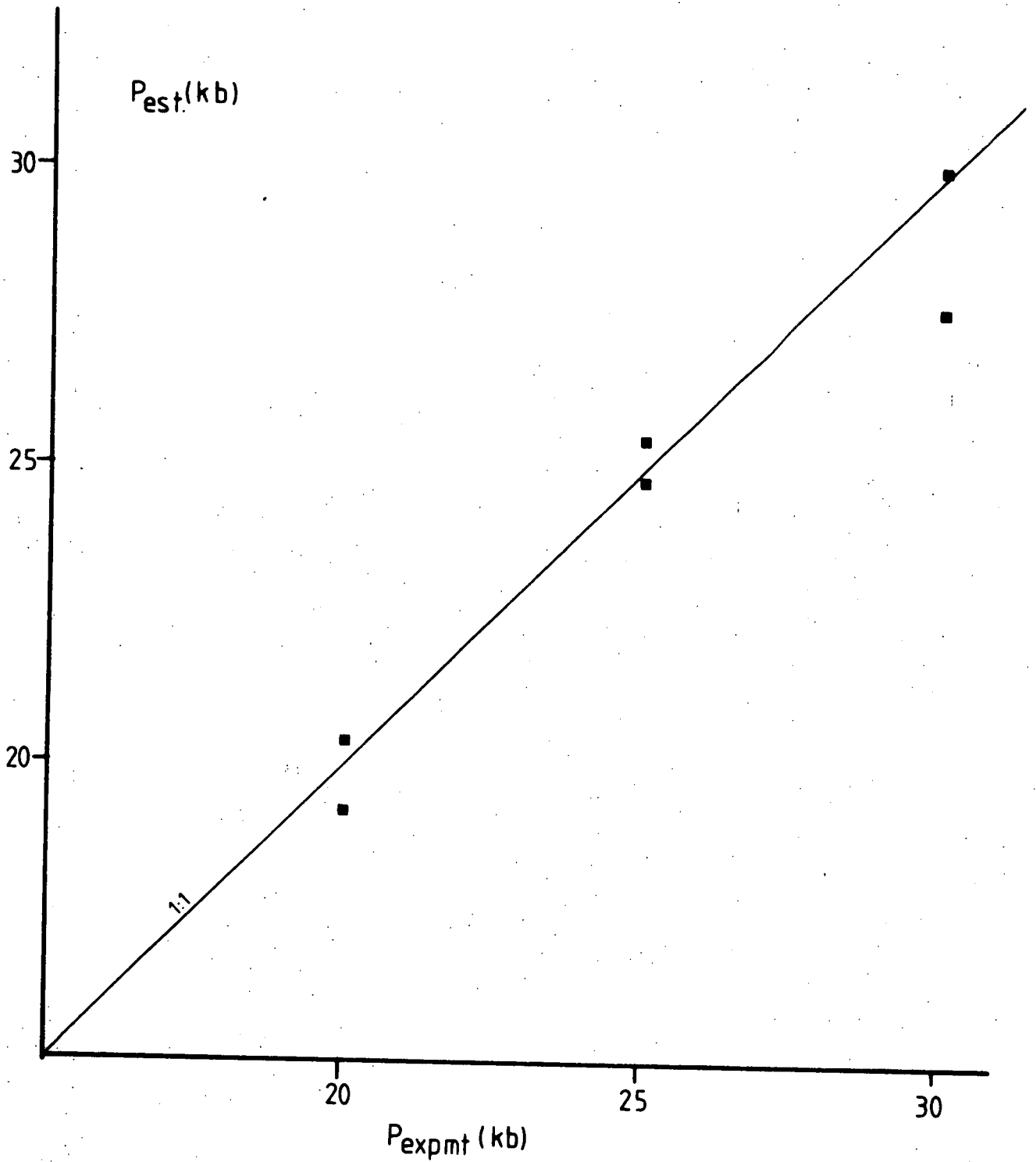


Figure 16: Comparison of estimated ( $P_{est}$ ) and nominal ( $P_{expmt}$ ) run pressure for CMAS.  $P_{est}$  was calculated applying equation (14) to experimental data of this study.



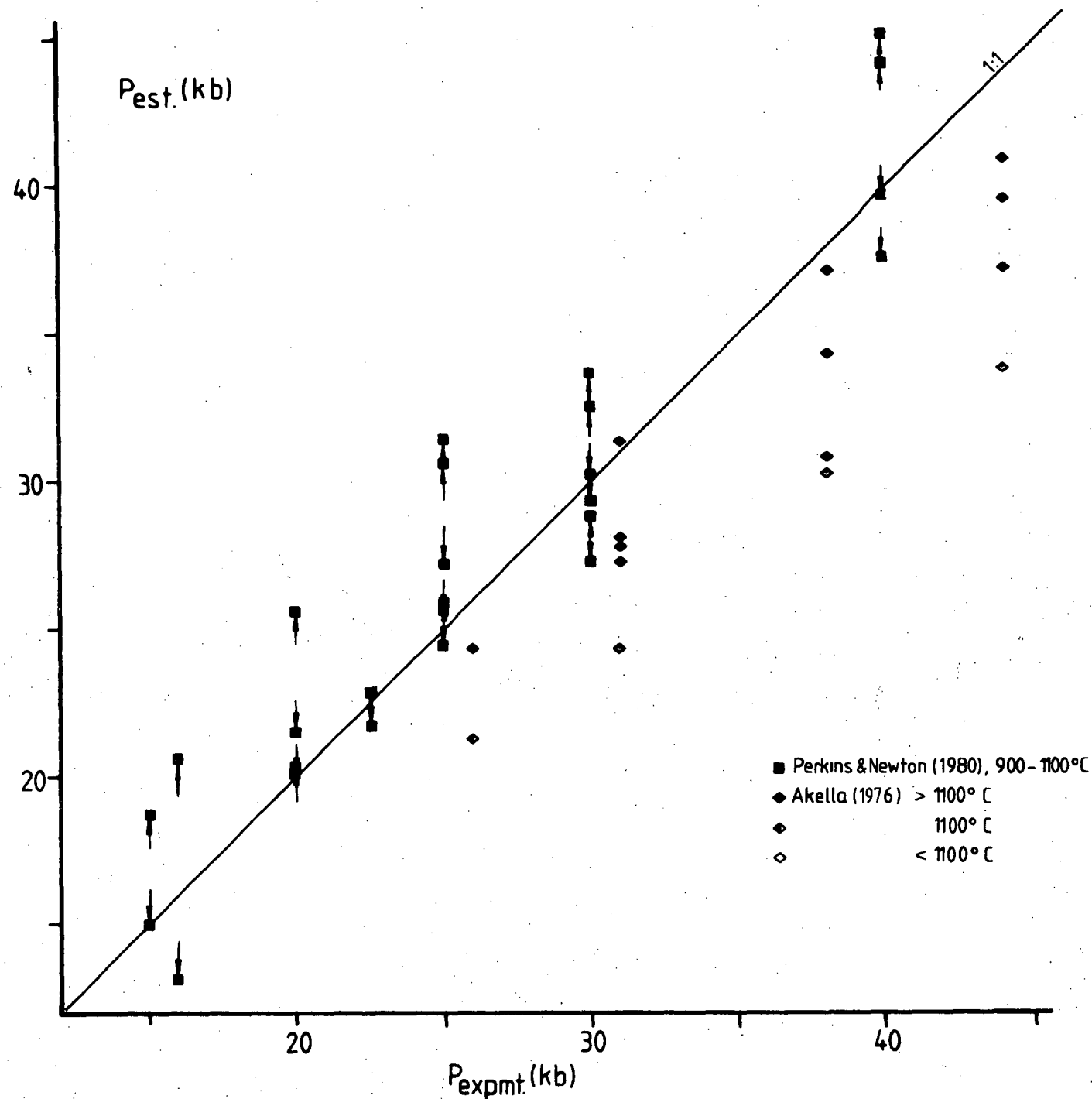


Figure 17: Comparison of pressures estimated via equation (14) ( $P_{\text{est}}$ ) and nominal ( $P_{\text{expmt}}$ ) run pressures for CMAS data of Akella (1976) and Perkins & Newton (1980). Arrows indicate direction of approach to equilibrium by Perkins & Newton (1980); arrows pointing to lower pressure estimates are for the bracket where pure En was part of the starting material, arrows pointing to higher pressure estimates are for the bracket using highly aluminous pyroxenes as part of the starting material.

Additionally there is a systematic deviation of the estimates with temperature with lower temperature runs yielding lower estimates (fig. 17). This supports Howells & O'Hara (1978), who argued for lower solubilities of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene, particularly at lower temperatures. Reaction rates in experimental runs are very much dependent on temperature, so that long run durations are required to reach equilibrium at low temperature, even with a flux present. Akella's (1976) experiments were kept at the conditions for less than 31 hours, a relatively short time for low temperature runs when compared to Perkins & Newton (1980), Harley (1981), Wood (1974), and this study. Thus it is believed that the time was insufficient to reach equilibrium at low temperatures and analysed pyroxenes reflect incomplete exsolution of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and incomplete growth of garnet. Runs at higher temperatures approach equilibrium more closely.

Perkins & Newton (1980) attempted to bracket the values of Al-solubility in orthopyroxene by performing experiments with different starting materials containing either a pure enstatite or a highly aluminous orthopyroxene as one component. In most of the pairs of runs they record an overlap in the final values for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene and attributed this to "path-looping". Assuming this process to occur in every run they argue that the equilibrium value is within the overlap range. In most of their runs the overlap region is quite small and there is good agreement between the calculated pressure from equation (14) for each of the brackets and the nominal run pressure. In some cases however their bracket is wide (e.g. a 3 wt.%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  bracket for  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ , 16 kb) and accordingly the estimates for the individual brackets differ more widely. In these cases a better agreement between estimates via equation (14) and nominal run pressures is given for the experiment approaching the equilibrium from the low-Al side (pure enstatite in starting material) and going towards higher values of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . The reason for this is not understood.

Summarizing the agreement between calculated and experimental pressure is sufficiently good to argue in favour of the  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  values derived and the thermodynamic model adopted in this study.

## PART III

AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY BEARING ON PHASE RELATIONSHIPS  
IN THE SYSTEM SMACCR ( $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{MgO}$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{CaO}$ - $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ).

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## 18. INTRODUCTION

In terms of bulk rock chemistry,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  is only a minor constituent of natural garnet lherzolites with a level of about 0.4 wt.%. Nonetheless it has to be considered with reference to phase equilibria, because it is a major component of garnet (typically between 2 and 7 wt.%) and spinel ( $\approx 20\text{--}55$  wt.%). In orthopyroxenes from garnet lherzolites,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  is generally only present as a minor oxide component with typical contents between 0.2 and 0.5 wt.%. However, even here it has considerable influence on phase equilibria, because it is competing with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and the latter is the base of the most widely used geobarometer for lherzolites. In most inclusions in kimberlites, orthopyroxene contains small quantities of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (in the order of 1 wt.%), hence even small quantities of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  can be significant for calculations of site distributions of Al in orthopyroxene with possible effects on P-T estimates.

Like  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , the solubility of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene was found to be dependent on pressure and temperature. Accordingly an empirical barometer utilizing these observations has been developed.

For a number of P-T-X conditions in SMACCR, garnet coexists with spinel. This is consistent with observations on some natural garnet lherzolites from kimberlites and leads to an analysis of garnet/spinel compositional relationships.

Previous studies in Cr-bearing systems mainly considered phase relations at atmospheric pressures (Glasser & Osborn, 1958; Muan, 1975; Stubican & Greskovich, 1975; Warshaw & Keith, 1954) or investigated stabilities of oxides and silicates (Chatterjee *et al.*, 1982; Ikeda & Ohashi, 1974; Ikeda & Yagi, 1972, 1977, 1982; Irfune *et al.*, 1982; Ringwood, 1977; Vredevoogd & Forbes, 1975; White & Roy, 1975; Yoder & Kullerud, 1971). Studies in the system SMACCR were performed at pressures below the garnet stability limit (Dickey & Yoder, 1970; Dickey *et al.*, 1971; Onuma & Tohara,

1981) or with extremely low Cr contents (O'Neill, 1981) and no published sets of data from such experiments are available. Earlier studies on natural systems with emphasis on the influence or relationships involving Cr (McGregor, 1970, 1982; Mysen, 1976) are discussed in later sections.

## 19. EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

Experimental techniques employed in this study are in most cases identical to those already described (Chapter 10). Some runs at pressures of 35 kb and higher were performed with assemblages which are similar to the dry assemblage of fig. 12, but the outer talc sleeve was replaced by a NaCl sleeve. The physical properties of NaCl at high pressures and temperatures are such as to reduce the friction between assemblage and apparatus (Mirwald *et al.*, 1975). Hence no friction correction was applied in these runs and the run pressure was equated with the measured load pressure.

The NaCl sleeve did not contain water and accordingly no water was present to degrade the graphite heater. It was found that the recorded temperature at the set point was stable with time, without requiring increase in input current to maintain the recorded temperature. This provides supportive evidence for the reliability of Pt/Pt<sub>90</sub>Rh<sub>10</sub> thermocouples under the conditions of the runs performed.

In a variation from the methods of the CMAS experiments, a number of runs used capsules containing two different starting mixtures. The two mixtures were separated from each other by a tightly fitting disc of noble metal. Longitudinal sections through these capsules show that the disc stayed in position during the run and prevented compositional exchange other than that of a volatile phase (trace of water, etc.).

## 20. STARTING MATERIALS

A number of different starting materials were used and their compositions are listed in table 11. Three basic types were prepared: (i) seeded sintered oxide mixes (SSO), (ii) sintered oxides + crystalline pure pyrope + crystalline pure picotite (SOGP) and (iii) seeded glass mixes (SGL).

The SSO materials were prepared from pure oxide and carbonate reagents as described in chapter 11. One starting material prepared this way contained large amounts of coarse corundum, which persisted in a series of runs. The corundum may have been formed because of overheating during the sintering process. Runs with this starting material were discarded and repeated with the SSO mix prepared as follows.

Alternative mixtures were prepared by utilizing aluminium sulphate  $[Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot nH_2O]$  or aluminium nitrate  $[Al(NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O]$  as starting components along with chromium oxide, magnesium oxide and calcium carbonate, for the sintering process. During prolonged heat treatment the Al compounds convert by giving off  $SO_2$  or  $NO_2$  respectively, and react to form more complex Al compounds. This method makes the appearance of large amounts of coarse corundum unlikely, but has the disadvantage that Al sulphides (or, under favourable conditions, Al nitrides respectively) may be formed, both of which are highly temperature resistant. It was found that long heating times (in excess of 24 hours) were needed to drive off the sulphur effectively and that small amounts of sulphur still persisted within the mixture.

Apart from the failure of the one mixture mentioned above, no advantage of mixtures of SSO, SOGP or SGL type over each other were observed (i.e. similar results, grain sizes, etc. were obtained).

Attempts were made to produce glasses from oxide mixtures, but no clear glass was obtained, even at the highest permissible temperatures on

Table 11: Compositions of starting materials used in experiments (wt.%).

	SSO-LC	SOGP-LC	SSO-MC	SOGP-MC	SOGP-MC2	SSO-HC
MgO	35.4	35.4	35.0	34.9	35.7	29.4
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	8.7	12.4
SiO <sub>2</sub>	46.1	45.9	44.2	44.6	45.0	44.9
CaO	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.1	5.6
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.5	1.6	3.8	3.8	3.5	7.7
Cr/Cr+Al	0.091	0.096	0.203	0.203	0.213	0.294

	SOGP-HC	SSO-HC2	SOGP-HC2	SGL-HC	SGL-HCF
MgO	30.0	35.0	35.1	29.4	43.2
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	11.3	8.5	8.5	12.4	6.3
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.0	44.0	43.7	44.9	43.8
CaO	5.8	7.0	7.2	5.6	2.8
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.9	5.5	5.5	7.7	3.9
Cr/Cr+Al	0.319	0.302	0.302	0.294	0.293



an Ir strip heater. The product was still turbid and mottled with tiny dark spots, due to the failure to dissolve  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  completely into the melt. These "glass" mixtures have only been used in a few runs.

The SOGP type starting material was prepared by sintering oxides and carbonates of Ca, Mg and Si in the manner described, to which were added pre-synthesized pure pyrope and pure picotite.

The compositional differences between the mixtures are differing Cr/Cr+Al ratios in order to investigate compositional effects on phase equilibria. This was necessary because in the five-component system SMACCR a divariant (P,T) equilibrium exists for a five-phase assemblage. Most run products in fact consisted of four coexisting phases.

The extensively used mixtures SSO-HC and SOGP-HC are lower in MgO and yield run products without forsterite. Garnet as a stable phase with spinel and two pyroxenes appeared under forsterite-absent conditions at lower pressures relative to forsterite-present conditions. Thus garnet-orthopyroxene equilibria could be investigated over a wider pressure range appropriate to the piston-cylinder apparatus.

The experimental strategy behind the mixtures is as follows. In the strict sense it is not possible to reverse the compositions of phases with more than one degree of compositional freedom. Phase boundaries however can be reversed in complex systems. Therefore the pairs of results on the garnet stability (garnet growth from garnet-free mixtures, disappearance of garnet from runs with garnet as a major constituent of the mixture) bracket the boundary.

The growth of pyroxenes from oxide mixtures and glasses is a very rapid process (Green & Ringwood, 1967a; Mori, 1976; Howells & O'Hara, 1978). Howells & O'Hara (1978) studied the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene in relation to differing starting materials. They used both crystallized gel type starting materials (essentially very fine grained oxide mixes which have been sintered and recrystallized to give a micro-

crystalline product) and glasses. The two types are thus comparable to the SSO and SGL mixes of this study. The SSO material may however be somewhat coarser than the gel-type starting material of Howells & O'Hara (1978). These authors showed that both types produced pyroxenes even at run durations as short as 30 seconds, resulting in pyroxenes with a large range of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents, including very high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents (cf. Howells & O'Hara, 1978, fig. 5). Glass-type starting material was shown to approach low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  limits in orthopyroxene more sluggishly than gel-type starting material with increasing run duration. Modal amounts of garnet were found to increase with increasing run duration. Garnet thus grew from aluminous pyroxenes with time, garnet nucleation and growth is a sluggish process. It is assumed that the SSO and SGL mixes used in this study show a similar behaviour. Rapid growth of initially highly heterogeneous (in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) pyroxenes is thus inferred for these mixes as well, followed by garnet growth and equilibration. The majority of orthopyroxenes in runs with SSO and SGL starting material are thus believed to approach equilibrium from the high- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  side, but at least some orthopyroxenes with low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents should be present as well, at least in the SSO starting materials. The net result in the SSO and SGL mixes is thus a homogenization process where orthopyroxenes approach equilibrium from both sides, but mostly from the high- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  side.

By contrast the SOGP mixture of this study had initially all  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in garnet and all  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in the spinel phase, the rest of the mixture being a sintered oxide mix (CMS). Assuming the same process of rapid growth of pyroxenes from the oxide mix part of the charge, the initially formed pyroxenes should contain no, or very little,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ). Thus the SOGP material may be used to bracket the equilibrium content of orthopyroxene from the low- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  side. However, Lane & Ganguly (1980) and Perkins & Newton (1980) argued that some orthopyroxenes may be formed as nuclei within or bordering garnet and thus have high initial  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents.

This problem, that the pyroxenes may approach equilibrium from both the high- and low- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  side and only have the major part of reacting pyroxenes on the one or the other side, is known as "path-looping" and was encountered in studies in CMAS and MAS (Perkins & Newton, 1980; Lane & Ganguly, 1980) as well. Thus both approaches used here are not to be seen as strict reversals in respect to the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of orthopyroxene. The achievement of equilibrium has to be judged by the degree of homogeneity of the phases and the similarity or dissimilarity of the results for differing starting materials.

## 21. ANALYSES OF RUN PRODUCTS

Run products in the system SMACCR were analysed with the methods and equipment described previously. In runs containing two mixes in one capsule, the whole capsule was embedded in epoxy resin and a longitudinal section was polished. Compositions within the run products along the sections were found to be homogeneous, no influence of a thermal gradient over the length of the capsule was detected.

The run products are described in the following chapter. The appearance of Cr-bearing spinel within a poikilitic phase, particularly garnet, enhanced the problems of analysis discussed in chapter 12. Wide area scans to check the bulk composition mostly show some scatter. Nevertheless the analysed compositions from the wide scans showed a close proximity to the intended values, with only excess Si in a number of cases, again attributed to contamination of the mixture by Si from the agate mortar used in grinding processes.

To evaluate the quality of the analytical data for garnet, which showed nearly always some evidence for contamination by other phases, model calculations illustrating contamination are shown in table 12. The model was based on a typical garnet with a near-stoichiometric composition, to

Table 12: Models for contamination of garnet by other phases.

	garnet		+10% fo		+5% fo		+10% sp	
	wt.%	struc	st.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	23.15	2.417	26.27	2.744	24.79	2.589	23.35	2.479
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.00	1.651	18.18	1.502	19.05	1.573	20.32	1.706
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.80	2.999	42.77	2.998	42.79	2.998	38.92	2.772
CaO	7.65	0.574	6.95	0.521	7.29	0.547	6.96	0.531
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.40	0.354	5.82	0.322	6.09	0.337	10.46	0.589
Total		7.997		8.089		8.045		8.079
100Ca/Ca+Mg		19.19		15.98		17.44		17.64
100Cr/Cr+Al		17.67		17.67		17.67		25.66

	+5% sp		+2% sp		+10% cpx	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	23.25	2.449	23.19	2.430	22.79	2.385
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.17	1.680	20.07	1.663	18.36	1.520
SiO <sub>2</sub>	40.77	2.881	41.96	2.951	43.80	3.076
CaO	7.29	0.551	7.50	0.565	9.05	0.680
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.52	0.476	7.27	0.404	6.00	0.333
Total		8.040		0.015		7.996
100Ca/Ca+Mg		18.38		18.86		22.21
100Cr/Cr+Al		22.08		19.55		17.98

which amounts of contaminating phases were hypothetically added and the resulting structural formulae based on 8 oxygen were calculated. The contaminating phases were chosen to show maximum influence on the two important ratios of the garnet,  $\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al}$  and  $\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$ . Hence a high-Cr spinel ( $\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al} = 0.6$ ) and a high-Ca clinopyroxene were used. Forsterite contains practically no Ca, so that contamination by forsterite changes the  $\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$  ratio and therefore this was also modelled.

From the calculated structural formulae of contaminated garnets it is apparent that major contaminations result in significant changes in the structural formula. A 5% addition of forsterite leads to a total of 8.045 (based on 12 oxygen) accompanied by a change in the  $100\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$  ratio of only 1.8. Similarly an addition of 5% spinel yields a cation total of 8.040 and the internal structure is grossly distorted with Si of 2.881 and  $\text{Al}+\text{Cr}$  of 2.156. Even where only 2% spinel was added, the structural formula would show a significant deviation towards low Si and high  $\text{Al}+\text{Cr}$  values. Analyses of garnets in experiments which show deviations of this type were dismissed. Most analyses of garnet show rather a positive deviation in Si from the theoretical 3.000 (cf. appendix 5), which may be the influence of contamination by pyroxene. As shown in table 12, a 10% contamination of garnet by clinopyroxene results in a change of the  $100\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$  ratio of about 3 and a large deviation in Si and  $\text{Al}+\text{Cr}$ . The garnet analyses taken into account in this study show less indication for contamination than the modelled contaminations. It is therefore concluded that the ratios used in the calculations in the following chapters are accurate to within  $\pm 2$  (of  $100\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$  and  $100\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al}$ ).

The generally very small grainsize of the spinels of the run products leads to similar problems in the analysis of spinels. Contamination by other phases is apparent because all other phases contain  $\text{SiO}_2$  as a major component and  $\text{SiO}_2$  was recorded in the spinel analyses. In most cases the amount of  $\text{SiO}_2$  in the analyses could be limited to less than 6%, with a

mean value of 3.5% (std. dev. 2.6). It is impossible to establish in each case by which phase (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene or garnet) the spinel was contaminated. The high  $\text{MgO}:(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3)$  ratio of all possible contaminating phases results in MgO contents too high for spinel and accordingly the structural formula of normalised spinel analyses (based on 4 oxygen and MgO,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  recordings) yields values greater than 1 for MgO. The only characteristic of spinel of importance for further treatment is the Cr/Cr+Al ratio. The influence of contamination on this ratio is shown in fig. 18. The positions of the mean spinel analyses on the basis of MgO,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  recordings is shown for two experiments (T-1068: 1200°C, 27 kb; T-855: 1400°C, 35 kb) along with the points for the coexisting phases. Run T-1068 was chosen, because it shows the worst normalised structural formula of all spinels coexisting with garnet. The analysis from run T-855 is a more typical case. Projections from the coexisting phases through the point for the mean analyses of spinel on to the ideal-spinel plane are shown. The points of intersection with this spinel plane represent the possible true spinel compositions, assuming contamination of the spinel analyses by any one of the coexisting phases. Projection from the MgO corner through these projection points on to the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  plane give the Cr/Cr+Al ratio of the possible true spinel composition. It is apparent that a contamination by olivine has no influence on this ratio and that contaminations by either of the pyroxenes result in only minimal changes. Only where garnet is the contaminating phase a noticeable difference exists. As shown in fig. 18 a contamination of all spinel analyses by garnet only has the result of shifting the "true" Cr/Cr+Al ratio from the nominal (0 correction) ratio by 5 units of 100Cr/Cr+Al for the worst spinel analyses. In cases with spinel compositions closer to the ideal this maximum possible error reduces to about 2 units. It seems highly unlikely that all contamination should be solely those by garnet. It is therefore concluded that the nominal Cr/Cr+Al ratios are accurate to within approximately 2 or 3 units.

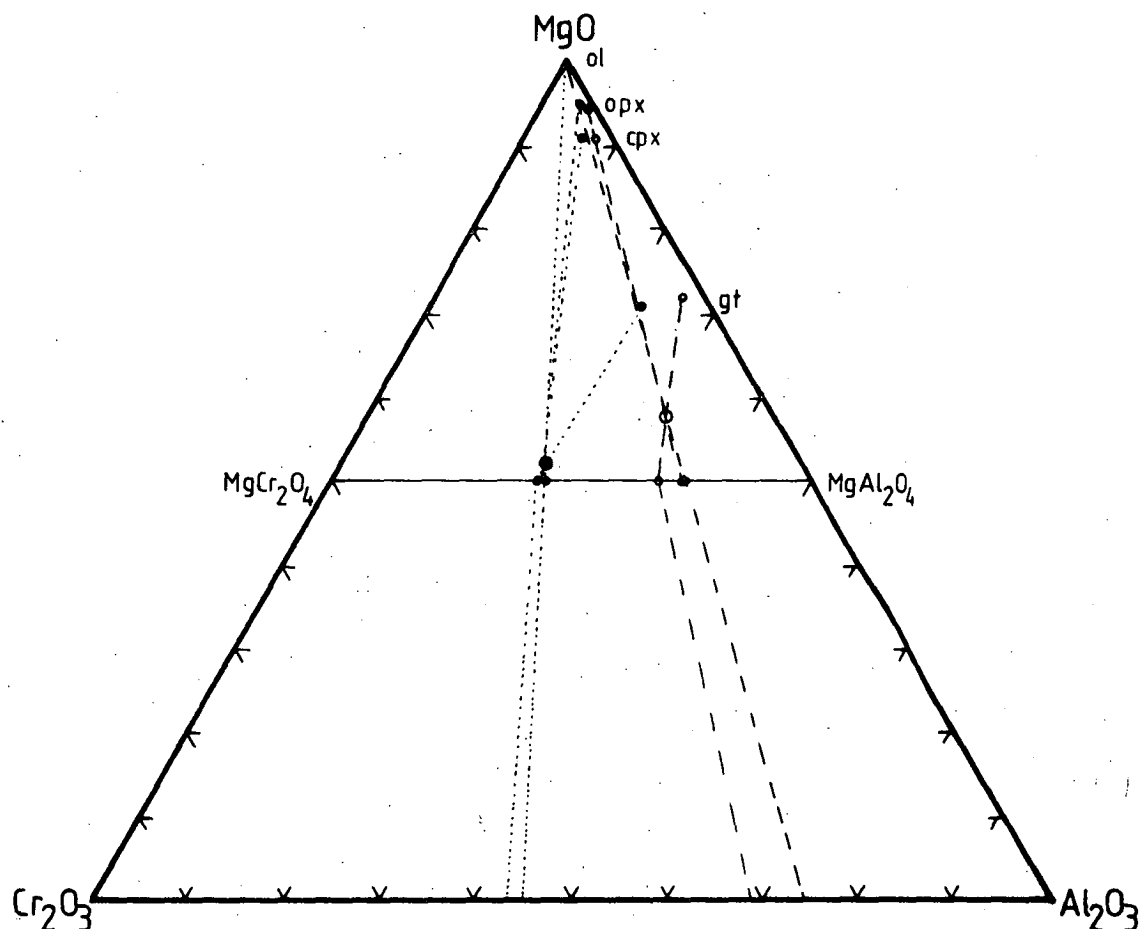


Figure 18: Plot of MgO-Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (mole %) for coexisting phases, mean spinel analyses and projection points. Open symbols are for run T-1068, filled symbols for run T-855 (see text). Shown are tie lines between spinel and the coexisting phases as analysed by microprobe and their projection points on to the spinel plane (dashed lines: T-1068, dotted lines: T-855). Lines from the projection points on to the Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> base are lines projected from the MgO corner of the triangle showing differences in Cr/Cr+Al ratios for the projection points.

## 22. RUN PRODUCTS - SMACCR

Average analyses of run products, normalised to 100%, are listed in appendix 5. Run products in SMACCR are similar to those in CMAS, showing a subsolidus texture with polygonal to lobate mosaics of pyroxenes, garnets, spinel and forsterite.

Spinel shows a strong tendency to occur as tiny grains, usually not larger than about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and often too small for analysis. The distribution of the spinel grains is fairly even, but it has a tendency to be included in large poikilitic garnets. In runs with starting material of the SSO- or SGL-type the composition was found to be homogeneous within the limitations discussed. In runs where picotite was part of the starting composition, a range of Cr/Cr+Al was found, providing examples of zonation in Cr. The lowest Cr/Cr+Al ratios analysed for these runs are listed in appendix 5. These values approach, but often not very closely, the values of the runs with the SSO or SGL material. Because of the small grainsize of the spinels a proper rim analysis cannot be obtained and thus it is believed that the Cr/Cr+Al values reached in the SSO runs are a better approximation to equilibrium values.

Garnets are strongly poikilitic with numerous inclusions of other phases. Most run products show a homogeneous composition of the garnet within the analytical limitations discussed before. In some runs, however, pyrope was found either zoned or nearly unreacted. This was the case for some lower temperature runs, where time or flux were insufficient to allow completion of the reactions. In the case of zoned garnets, maximum values (i.e. analyses with maximum content of CaO and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) are given in appendix 5. The poikilitic character of the garnet often makes it impossible to establish clear zonation patterns.



23. Ca-Mg EXCHANGE BETWEEN PYROXENES

As for CMAS the two pyroxene solvus in SMACCR is not adequately expressed by the ratio Ca/Ca+Mg because of the presence of tschermak-type molecules in both pyroxenes. Therefore a plot of  $\ln (a_{\text{en}}^{\text{cpx}}/a_{\text{en}}^{\text{opx}})$  vs.  $1/T$  has been chosen to describe the Ca-Mg exchange between pyroxenes (fig. 19). The data for experiments performed at 1200°C or higher temperatures represent the great majority of runs and show three main features:

- (a) The values for  $\ln K_D$  are, despite some scatter, in good agreement with the calibration of the geothermometer by Wells (1977). Hence calculations of temperatures by the method of Wells (1977) yield values of within  $\pm 60^\circ\text{C}$  of the nominal run temperatures, i.e. within the limits of accuracy envisaged by Wells (1977).
- (b) Within the spread of  $\ln K_D$  there is little evidence for an influence of pressure on this exchange. This is in contrast to the theoretical model of Lindsley *et al.* (1981), where a pressure effect should become important at least at  $> 1400^\circ\text{C}$ . However, it may be noted that the P-effect at  $1400^\circ\text{C}$  calculated by Lindsley *et al.* (1981) is also in disagreement with published data on the Ca-Mg exchange in simpler systems (Lindsley & Dixon, 1976; Mori & Green, 1976) for this temperature.
- (c) The pyroxenes generated in the experiments cover a large range of Al and Cr contents (cf. section 25.1 and appendix 5). The good agreement with the predicted values from CMS and other systems argues against a significant influence of both Al and Cr on the temperature-activity relationships between diopside and enstatite.

At temperatures of  $1050^\circ\text{C}$  and lower deviations from the predicted values of Wells (1977) are apparent and some are very large deviations. The deviations are systematically towards higher values of  $K_D$  (thus the negative  $\ln K_D$  shows lower values in fig. 19). The calibration of the geothermometer of Wells (1977) was based on the then available data on the

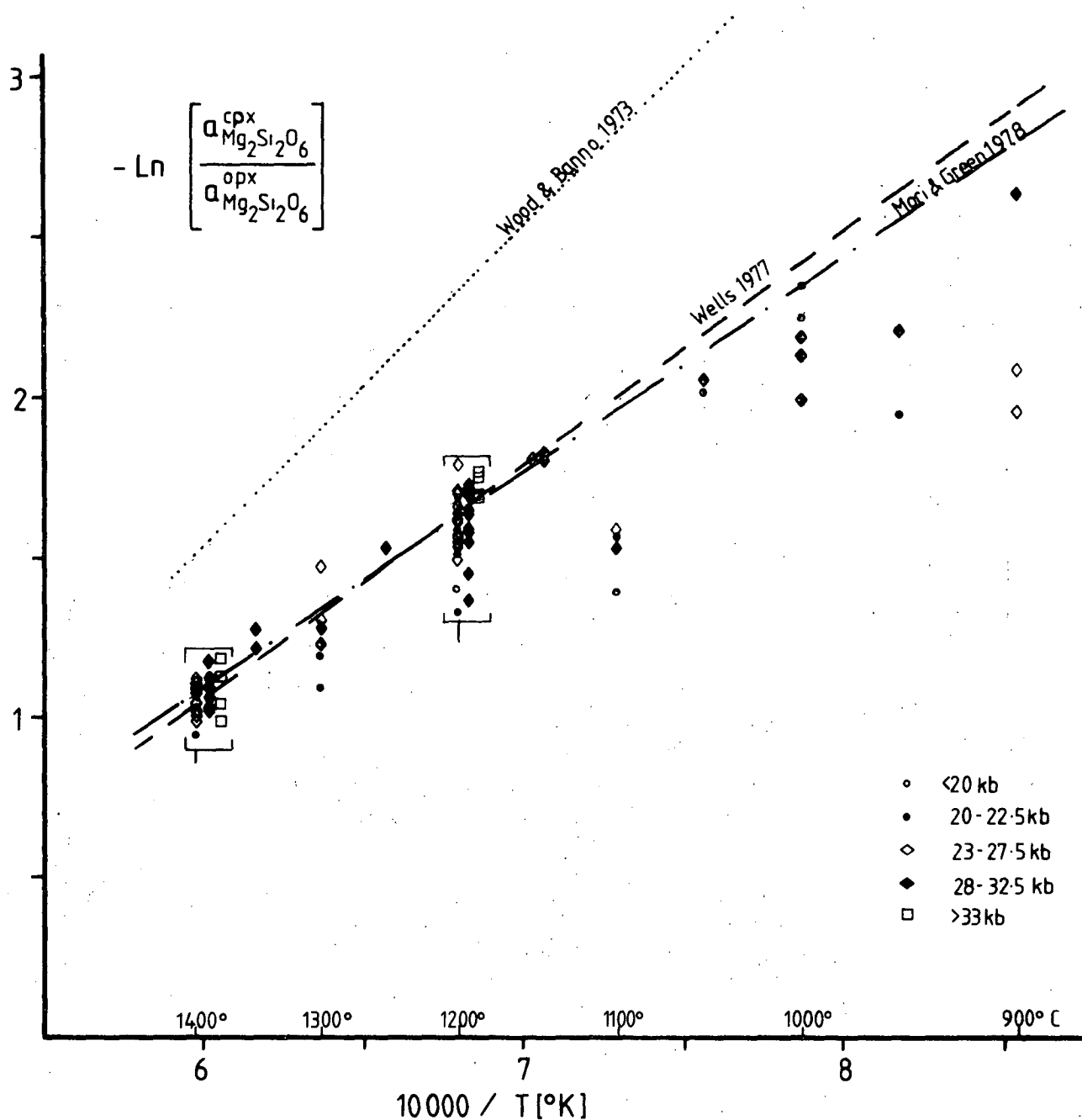


Figure 19: Plot of  $-\text{Ln}(a_{\text{cpx}}^{\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6} / a_{\text{opx}}^{\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6})$  vs.  $10000/T$  (K) for data in the SMACCR system compared to calibrations by Mori & Green (1978), Wells (1977) and Wood & Banno (1973). Activities of the pyroxenes are defined as  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}}$  and the values are calculated as  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} = 1 - [(Al+Cr)/2]$  and  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} = 1 - Ca$  (from the structural formula based on 6 oxygens). Data points for 1400°C and 1200°C have plotted so that the symbols for runs with increasing pressure are placed to the right for clarity. Note that the calibration of Mori & Green (1978) was based on experiments with low-Fe content ( $Mg/(Mg+Fe) \approx 0.9$ ) in pyroxenes.

solvus and the bulk of those data are from experiments at temperatures of 1100°C and higher. From fig. 1 of Wells (1977) it is apparent that the published data in CMS (Lindsley & Dixon, 1976; Mori & Green, 1975, 1976) also show systematic deviation towards lower values of  $-\ln K_D$  at temperatures lower than about 1050°C [see also Ehrenberg (1982) and Evans & Trommsdorff (1978)]. Accordingly Kretz (1982) argued for a different behaviour of the Ca-Mg exchange between pyroxenes above and below  $\approx 1080^\circ\text{C}$ . The results of the present study would favour such a model. However, it should be noted that the Ca-Mg exchange becomes less sensitive with decreasing temperature, so that a experimental calibration is likely to involve larger errors. This is enhanced by the slowing down of reaction rates at low temperatures, making an experimental determination more difficult.

Summarizing, the experimental results of this study show good agreement with data from studies in other systems especially at higher temperatures but are supportive of suggestions of inaccuracy in the Wells (1977) calibration of the geothermometer at low temperatures. Some deviations are however very large (lower P runs at 900° and 950°C) and cast doubt on the quality of these analyses.

As is readily seen from fig. 19, the results at 1100°C deviate strongly from predicted values and also from data in other systems. This condition is experimentally difficult, because the addition of flux results very quickly in extensive melting, whereas without sufficient flux reaction rates are slow. The deviation is therefore not seen as significant in respect to the two-pyroxene solvus and results at this temperature condition are to be treated with great caution.

## 24. SPINEL AND GARNET STABILITY

As shown by MacGregor (1970) in natural systems the appearance of garnet as a stable phase is dependent on bulk composition. The complexity of the natural system, where both FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> are present, makes a quantitative determination of compositional effects on the garnet stability impossible. Nevertheless qualitatively it was shown that an increase in the Cr/Cr+Al+Fe<sup>3+</sup> ratio shifted the "garnet-in-boundary" to higher pressures and that a region of coexisting garnet and chromiferous spinel existed.

In the SMACCR system the only variable contributing to changes in the minimum stability of a two pyroxene-garnet-olivine spinel assemblage is the varying ratio of Cr/Cr+Al of the bulk composition. Therefore the effect of Cr on this boundary can be assessed.

Forsterite-free assemblages do show a different stability region relative to fo-bearing assemblages. Under fo-free conditions garnet is stable to lower pressures than in the fo-bearing system with equal Cr/Cr+Al ratio, but is formed at higher pressures than in CMAS (fig. 20). In one run at 1300°C and 25 kb garnet was eliminated from the SOGP charge, a result apparently inconsistent with the other data. It is believed that undetected forsterite was present in this run.

The stability limit of garnet coexisting with forsterite, two pyroxenes and spinel for varying Cr/Cr+Al ratios is shown in fig. 21. At low Cr/Cr+Al ratio of the bulk composition (LC, approx. 100Cr/Cr+Al = 9.5, comparable to model mantle compositions) the minimum pressure to stabilize garnet is increased by about 5 kb relative to a pure CMAS system. A further increase in the Cr/Cr+Al ratio to levels of 100Cr/Cr+Al ≈ 20 (MC, comparable to depleted garnet lherzolites) or 30 (HC, comparable to strongly depleted garnet lherzolites and harzburgites) yields a further increase in this minimum pressure, but not to a proportionate degree.

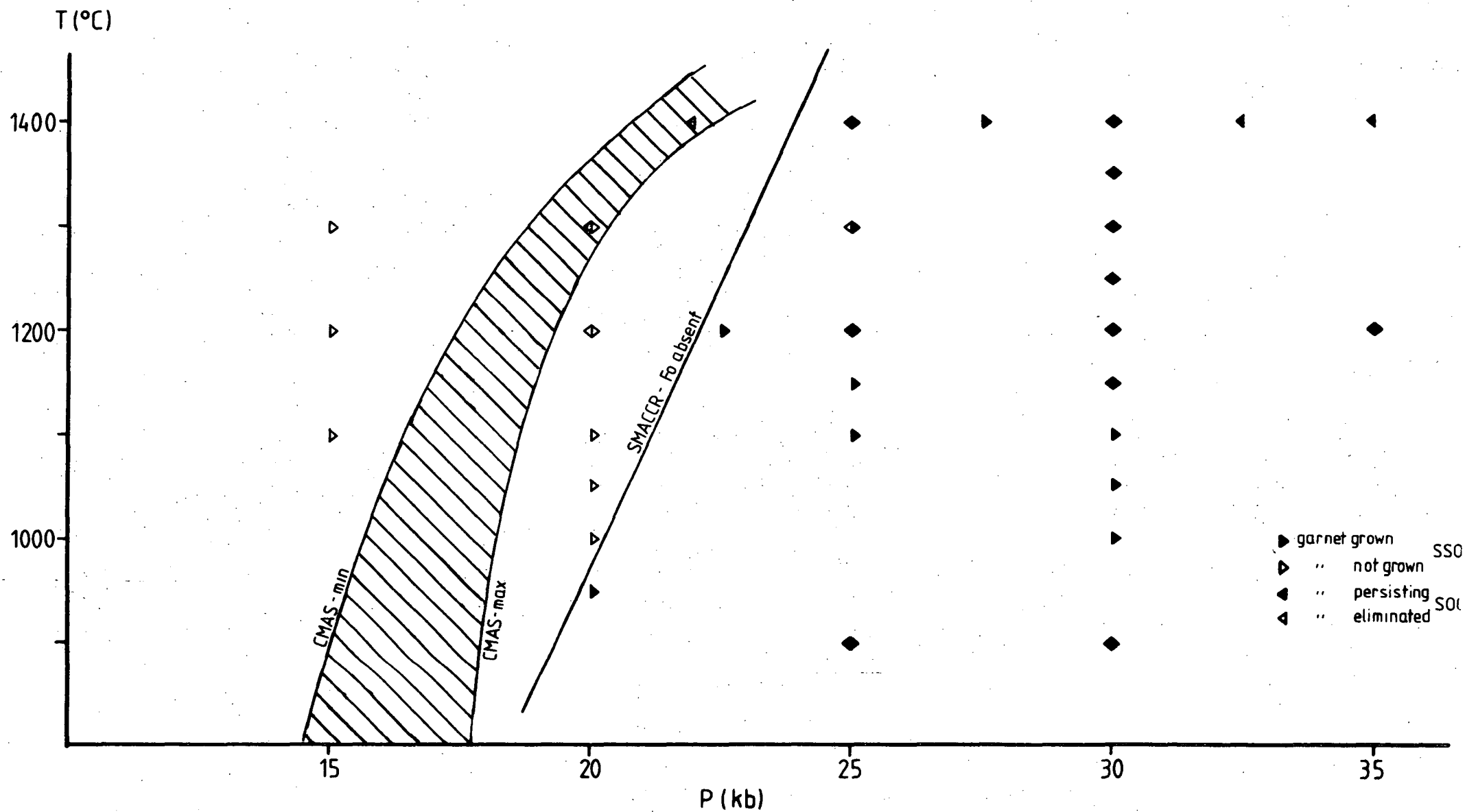


Figure 20: Stability limit of garnet in the system SMACCR coexisting with two pyroxenes under fo-absent conditions compared to (fo-present) garnet stability limit in CMAS. Spinel present in all runs. Range in CMAS from fig. 13.

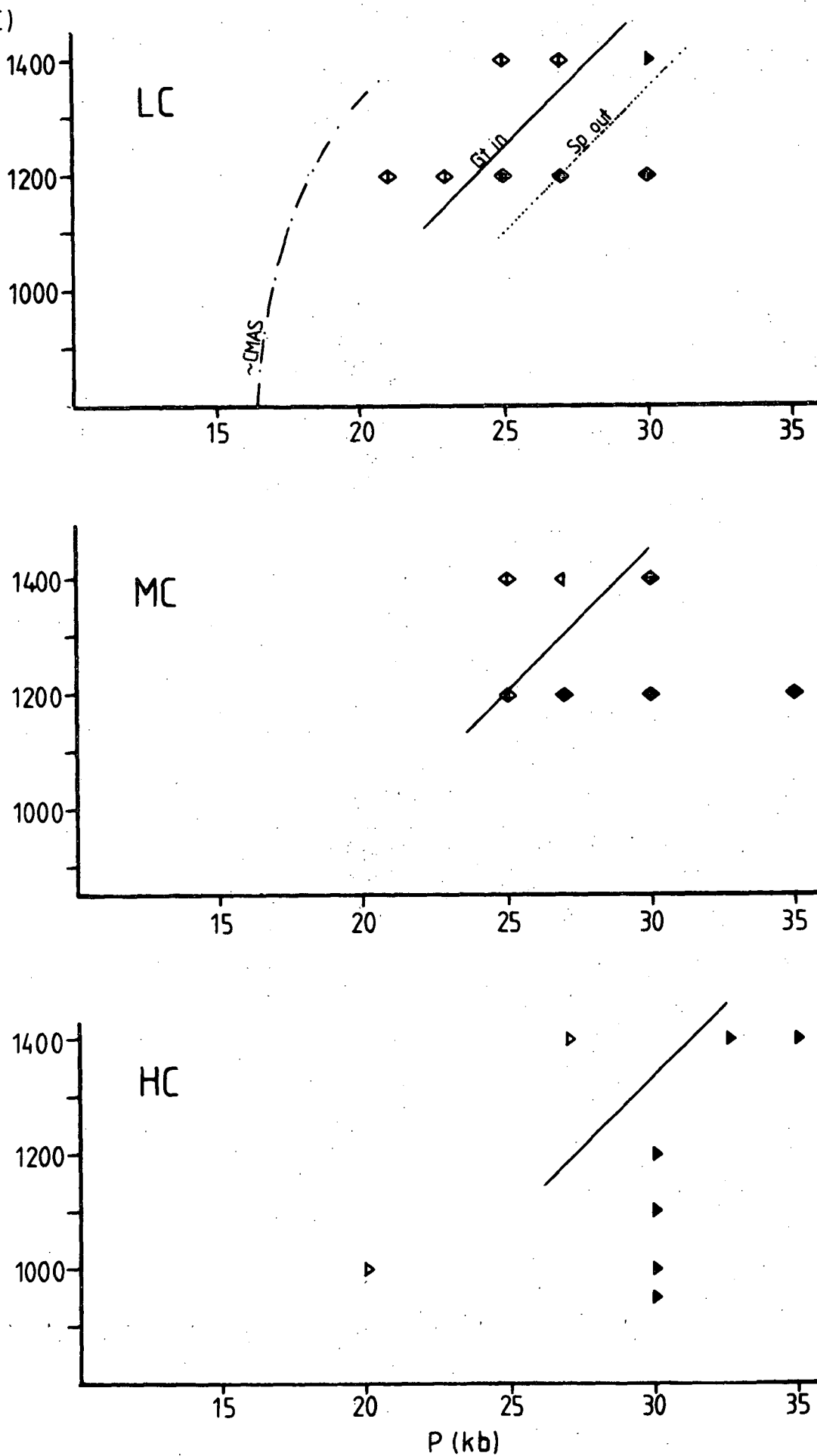


Figure 21: Stability limits for garnet in the SMACCR system coexisting with two pyroxenes and forsterite, for varying Cr/Cr+Al ratios of the bulk composition. LC = low Cr/Cr+Al = 9.5, MC = medium Cr/Cr+Al = 20, HC = high Cr/Cr+Al = 30. Approximate boundary for CMAS in (a) drawn from fig. 13, symbols as in fig. 20.

The increase in pressure needed to stabilize garnet over the values in CMAS is thus not a linear function of the Cr/Cr+Al ratio of the bulk composition.

It must be emphasized that the results on the garnet stability in the system SMACCR cannot be applied directly to natural rocks. Experimental studies and theoretical calculations (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978; Jenkins & Newton, 1979; Green & Ringwood, 1967a; O'Neill, 1981) argue strongly for an influence of the Mg/Mg+Fe value of the bulk composition on the stability of garnet. O'Neill's (1981) calculation shows that the pressure required to stabilize garnet may be lowered by several kb depending on the Mg/Mg+Fe of the coexisting olivine. This may explain the large discrepancies of "garnet-in" boundaries between the studies in complex systems of Green & Ringwood (1967a) and Jenkins & Newton (1979), because the latter worked with a composition, where the Cr/Cr+Al ratio was extremely low (1.1) and the Mg/Mg+Fe value also lower (84.6) compared to Green & Ringwood (1967a) (Cr/Cr+Al = 7.5, Mg/Mg+Fe = 89.2).

The second result in respect to garnet-spinel stability is the confirmation of the existence of a P-T-X space where garnet and chromiferous spinel coexist. The width of this field is again dependent on the Cr/Cr+Al ratio of the bulk composition, becoming wider with increasing values of Cr/Cr+Al. A spinel-out boundary could only be located in the investigated system with the lowest Cr/Cr+Al ratio. In all other runs within the stability limit of garnet, spinel crystallized up to the highest pressures employed. This is consistent with the observation that some natural garnet lherzolites from kimberlite inclusions, usually depleted in basaltic components, show coexisting primary garnet and spinel (Nixon & Boyd, 1973a; Carswell *et al.*, 1979).

## 25. Cr-Al EXCHANGE

Reactions for an exchange of Cr and Al can be formulated for pyroxene-pyroxene, spinel-pyroxene and garnet-spinel pairs. Reactions between garnet and pyroxenes are discussed separately because of their potential for geobarometry.

### 25.1 Cr-Al EXCHANGE BETWEEN ORTHO- AND CLINOPYROXENE

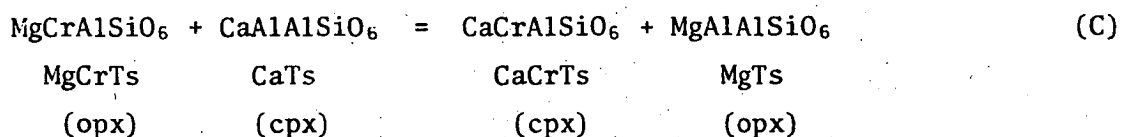
Both ortho- and clinopyroxene dissolve Al and Cr. Discussion exists on the site occupancy of Cr in pyroxenes. Cr occurs in oxidation states ranging from 0 to +6, but under the  $fO_2$  conditions of upper mantle and the experiments it is restricted to the +2 and +3 state. The +2 state may be neglected and is believed to occur only at very low  $fO_2$  and high pressure-temperature conditions (Haggerty *et al.*, 1970; Haggerty, 1979). Cr as  $Cr^{+++}$  competes with  $Al^{+++}$  and is thus capable of replacing the latter in pyroxenes. Al occupies both octahedral and tetrahedral sites in pyroxenes, whereas Cr has a high octahedral site preference (Burns, 1970, 1975). Natural minerals contain  $Cr^{+++}$  almost exclusively in octahedral sites (Burns & Burns, 1975). Some experimental studies report tetrahedrally coordinated Cr in clinopyroxenes, but this is accompanied by a change in colour to give blue diopside (Dickey *et al.*, 1971; Ikeda & Yagi, 1977, 1978, 1982; Schreiber, 1977). No such blue diopsides have been observed in the present study and therefore Cr is regarded as restricted to the octahedral site. In the system SMACCR it occurs thus as a tschermak-type molecule in pyroxenes  $(Ca,Mg)CrAlSiO_6$  [named Mg-Cr-tschermaks (MgCrTs) or Ca-Cr-tschermaks (CaCrTS)].

Solubilities of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $Cr_2O_3$  are different for ortho- and clinopyroxenes in simple systems. Perkins & Newton (1980) report that orthopyroxene contains more  $Al_2O_3$  than coexisting clinopyroxene in the system CMAS and this is true for most of the data of Akella (1976) as well.



The new results in both CMAS and SMACCR confirm this trend for low to moderately high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents (fig. 22a) in pyroxenes, but data for pyroxenes with very high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (i.e. in excess of approx. 7 wt.%) do not show this behaviour.  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  on the other hand is more concentrated in clinopyroxene (fig. 22b), a trend becoming more pronounced with increasing  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and more obvious in garnet-bearing assemblages relative to garnet-free assemblages. The combined effect of lower Al- and higher Cr-solubility in clinopyroxene is a balancing of tetrahedral Al (fig. 23). Tetrahedral Al is nearly evenly distributed between ortho- and clinopyroxene with only a weak tendency to deviate at very low or very high Al contents.

The Cr-Al exchange between pyroxenes in the system SMACCR may be expressed by the reaction



The K of this reaction is therefore

$$K(C) = \frac{a_{\text{CaCrTs}} a_{\text{MgTs}}}{a_{\text{MgCrTs}} a_{\text{CaTs}}} \quad (15)$$

In the simplest form, adopting an ideal mixing model and assuming coupling of tetrahedral Al with octahedral Al and Cr, the activities may be expressed as

$$a_{\text{CaCrTs}} = x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}} (\text{cpx}) \quad (16)$$

$$a_{\text{MgCrTs}} = x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} (\text{opx}) \quad (17)$$

$$a_{\text{CaTs}} = x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}} (\text{cpx}) \quad (18)$$

$$a_{\text{MgTs}} = x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} (\text{opx}) \quad (19)$$

so that the  $K_D$  (C) is

$$K_D (C) = \frac{(x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}})^{\text{cpx}} (x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^{\text{opx}}}{(x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^{\text{opx}} (x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{M2}})^{\text{cpx}}} \quad (20a)$$

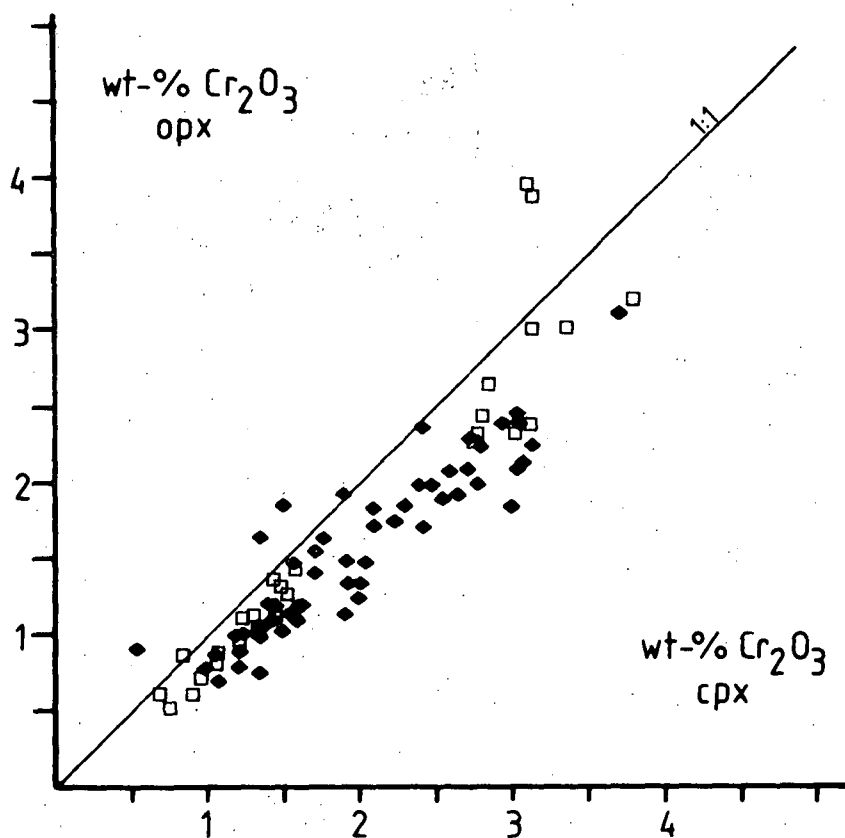
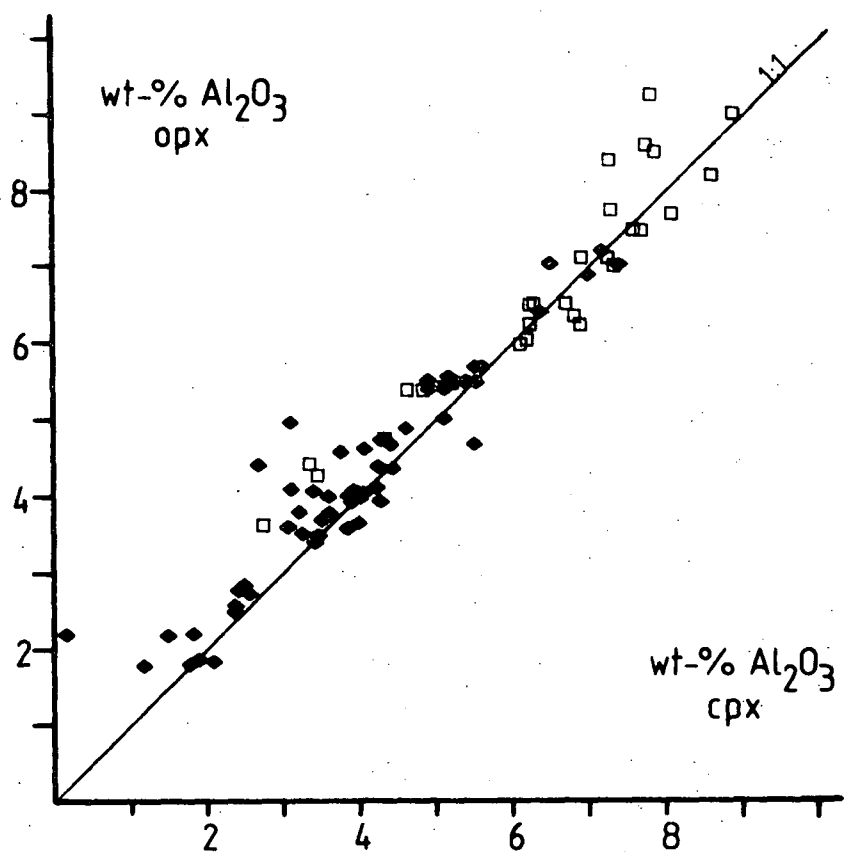


Figure 22: Comparison of solubilities of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in ortho- and clinopyroxene (wt.%) from experiments in SMACCR. Open symbols = garnet-free assemblages, filled symbols = garnet-bearing assemblages.

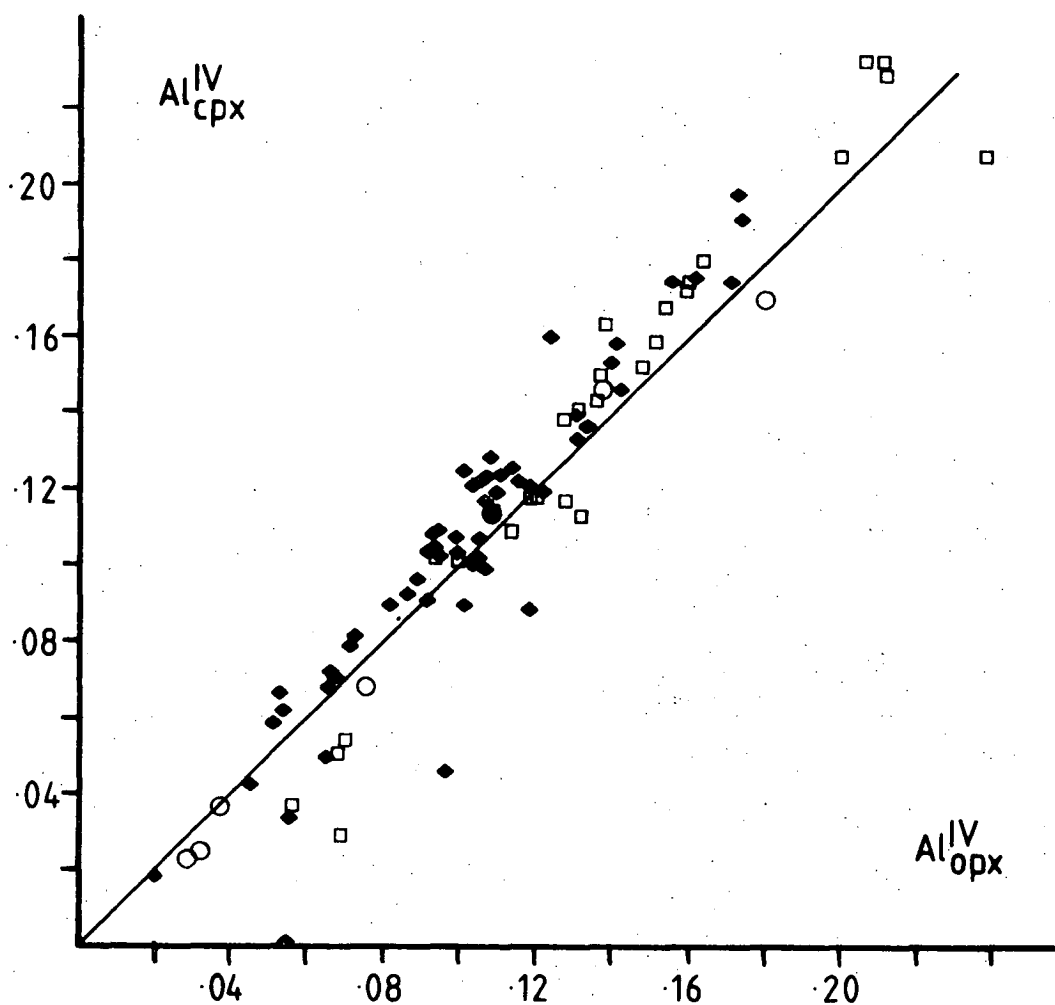


Figure 23: Relative distribution of tetrahedral Al in ortho- and clinopyroxene in experimental run products. Filled diamonds = garnet-bearing assemblages from SMACCR, open squares = garnet-free assemblages from SMACCR, open circles = from CMAS.  $Al^{IV}$  is calculated as  $(Al+Cr)/2$ .

$X_{Mg}$  and  $X_{Ca}$  terms are identical in nominator and denominator and hence cancel each other.  $K_D (C)$  is therefore simplified to

$$K_D (C) = \frac{(X_{Cr}^{M1})^{cpx} (X_{Al}^{M1})^{opx}}{(X_{Cr}^{M1})^{opx} (X_{Al}^{M1})^{cpx}} \quad (20b)$$

or, rewritten

$$K_D (C) = \frac{Al(M1)/Cr(M1)^{opx}}{Al(M1)/Cr(M1)^{cpx}} \quad (20c)$$

As discussed before, Cr is placed entirely into the M1 position and hence  $X_{Cr}^{opx} = (X_{Cr}^{M1})^{opx}$  and  $X_{Cr}^{cpx} = (X_{Cr}^{M1})^{cpx}$ .  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  for both pyroxenes is calculated as  $(X_{Al}^{total} - X_{Cr})/2$  for reasons outlined in chapter 26. The M1 position is an octahedral position and hence the Al in M1 is in six-fold coordination. Equation (20c) can therefore be equally written as

$$K_D (C) = \frac{(Al^{VI}/Cr)^{opx}}{(Al^{VI}/Cr)^{cpx}} \quad (20d)$$

This  $K_D$  has been used by Mysen (1976) to calibrate a geothermometer.

A plot of this  $K_D (C)$  vs.  $1/T$  is shown in fig. 24. The spread of values is high and the weak tendency of averages for  $\ln K_D (C)$  to increase with decreasing temperature is insignificant. The line given by Mysen (1976) for the variation of  $\ln K_D (C)$  with  $1/T$  bears little resemblance to the data obtained. However, Mysen's (1976) experiments were performed in a natural system, containing Na. In Na-bearing systems Cr is contained in ureyite (= kosmochlor),  $NaCrSi_2O_6$ , the existence of which and its high solubility in diopside has been demonstrated experimentally by a number of workers (Ikeda & Ohashi, 1974; Ikeda & Yagi, 1972; Vredevoogd & Forbes, 1975; Yoder & Kullerud, 1971). In contrast to orthopyroxene, natural clinopyroxene usually contains sufficient Na to balance all of the Cr (usually more, which is then present as jadeite, acmite, etc.). No information is available on the distribution between ureyite and CaCrTs in

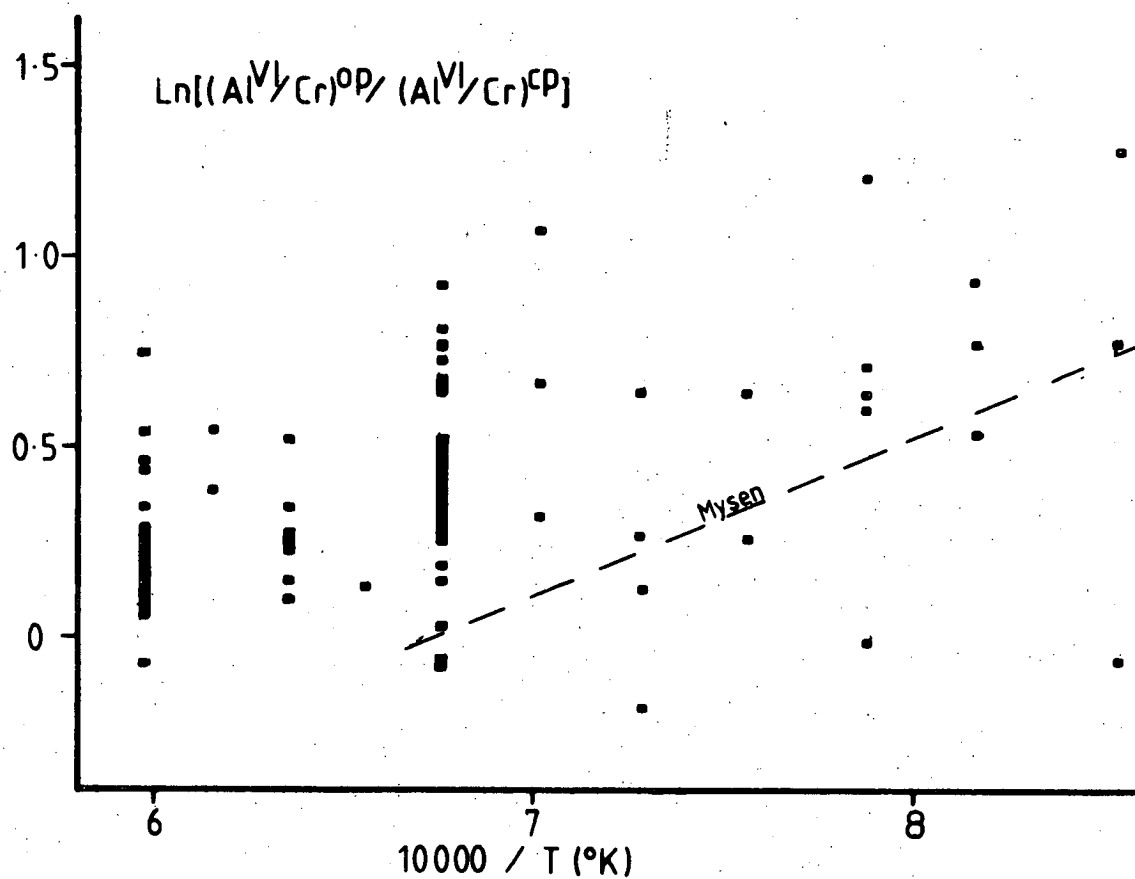


Figure 24: Plot of  $\ln[(Al^{VI}/Cr)^{opx} / (Al^{VI}/Cr)^{cpx}]$  for run products in SMACCR vs.  $10000/T$  (K) compared to the calibration of Mysen (1976) based on experiments in a complex system.

diopside and it seems possible that most of the Cr in clinopyroxene exists in the form of a ureyite molecule. The problem of Na-Cr compounds in clinopyroxene was not discussed by Mysen (1976). The data obtained in SMACCR suggest that, if Mysen's (1976) experiments represent equilibrium conditions, the temperature dependence of the Cr-Al distribution between pyroxenes in his data is due to the Na contained in clinopyroxene. If this is so, the  $K_D$  (C) in the form used is not an adequate expression for the actual reaction.

Furthermore it seems likely that compositional parameters do have an influence on the Cr-Al exchange between pyroxenes. This is plausible from comparison of the rather regular behaviour of the Al-Al and Cr-Cr distribution between the pyroxenes (fig. 28a,b) with the  $\ln K_D$  (C) vs.  $1/T$  plot (fig. 24). No attempt has been made to explore any compositional dependencies of the Cr-Al distribution between pyroxenes, because any application to natural rocks is unlikely to be relevant for several reasons: (i) the unknown NaCr-CrAl relations in clinopyroxene, (ii) the general low level of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in natural orthopyroxenes, which will require very exact data for both Al and Cr, and (iii) the low spread in Cr/Al-Cr/Al (opx vs. cpx) for natural rocks (cf. fig. 7 of this thesis).

The gross disagreement between temperatures obtained by Mysen's (1976) method and temperature estimation of natural rocks with those by other thermometers (Carswell & Gibb, 1980) suggests that even on a purely empirical basis Mysen's (1976) calibration is not correct and the experimental data are suspect.

Summarizing, the distribution of Cr-Al between pyroxenes does not have the potential for calibration as a useful geothermometer in the system SMACCR and casts strong doubts on the validity of geothermometers derived from experiments in natural systems.

## 25.2 Cr-Al EXCHANGE BETWEEN PYROXENES AND SPINEL

Spinels in the system SMACCR show differences in experiments with SSO and SOGP type starting material. Spinels starting off as the pure-Cr endmember picotite (SOGP mix) show a range of compositions from high-Cr to low-Cr values. Even though it could not be directly established, this is seen as evidence for a zonation of the spinels from high-Cr cores to low-Cr rims. The rims will approach equilibrium and this is shown in fig. 25 where the Cr minima are compared to the composition of the more homogeneous spinels obtained in runs with SSO starting material at the same P-T-X condition.

The Cr/Al ratios of spinels were calculated directly from values recorded in appendix 5. The uncertainties due to difficulties in spinel analyses have been discussed previously.

In a few runs picotite was nearly unreacted. The much better homogeneity of other phases in runs with SOGP starting material show spinel to be the most sluggishly reacting phase of the assemblage. Given the sluggishness of reactions involving spinel, it must be emphasized that the composition of spinels in SSO runs may not represent equilibrium values but an approach from a low-Cr side. In this case the equilibrium value would lie between spinels from SSO and SOGP experiments. The greater homogeneity (within the analytical uncertainties) for spinels from SSO material argues however for a closer approach to equilibrium of these spinels and it may be seen from fig. 25 that in quite a number of cases the approach from both sides is sufficiently close to ensure the achievement of near-equilibrium. The investigation of Cr-Al exchanges involving spinel has therefore been based on the values of spinels from SSO starting material.

Since reaction rates decrease with decreasing temperature and the spinel has been shown to react slowly even at high temperatures, there has

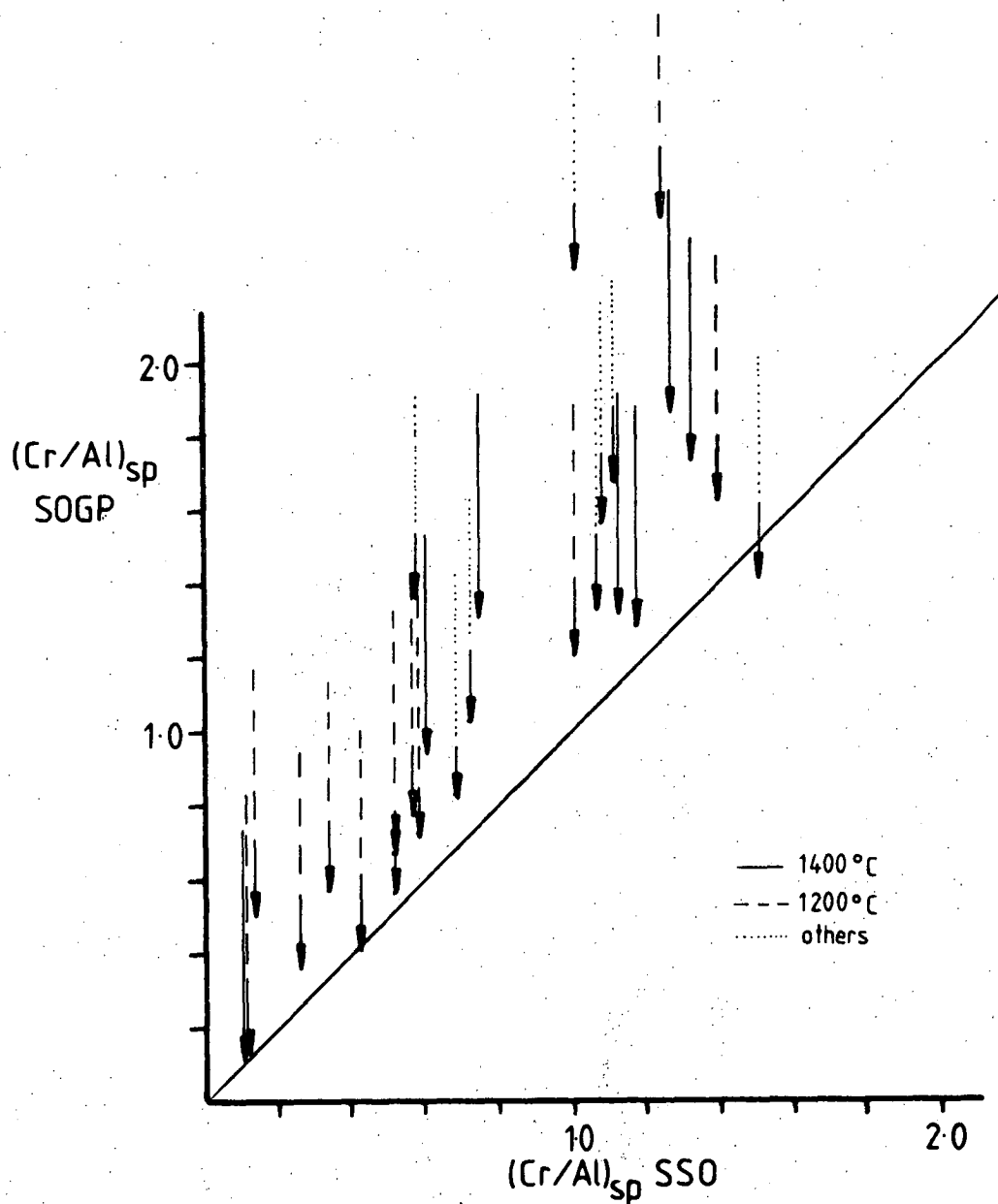


Figure 25: Cr/Al ratios of spinels from SMACCR experiments, comparing different starting materials. Arrows represent direction of approach of equilibrium value for SOGP starting material (pure picotite as one reactant) and point to the Cr/Al ratio of the spinel from SSO starting material, produced at identical P,T,X (bulk composition) conditions. Tip of arrow is the minimum value of Cr/Al analysed for the SOGP charge. Solid line is the 1:1 line (perfect agreement between runs).



been no attempt (with two exceptions) to establish equilibrium with an SOGP type starting material at temperatures below 1150°C. The values for spinels in these runs are to be examined with great caution and may not be equilibrium values because of the reaction rate problem. Any discussion of Cr-Al relationships involving spinel has therefore to be founded on experiments at temperatures in excess of approx. 1100°C.

It has been claimed (McGregor, 1982) that the exchange of Cr and Al between pyroxenes and spinel is sensitive to temperature and that thermometers can be based on this exchange. McGregor's (1982) experiments were performed in a natural system and the problems discussed before, particularly where clinopyroxene is involved, may invalidate such a calibration. Results in SMACCR show a very uniform temperature-independent correlation between (Cr/Al) of pyroxenes and spinel (fig. 26). Unspecific scatter in this correlation is introduced mainly by low-temperature experiments. The data presented in fig. 26 argue very strongly against the usefulness of the Cr-Al exchange between spinel and pyroxenes to serve as the basis of a geothermometer in SMACCR. Any attempt at calibration has therefore not been pursued.

### 25.3 Cr-Al EXCHANGE BETWEEN GARNET AND SPINEL

The discussion of the Cr-Al exchange between garnet and spinel in SMACCR has to bear in mind the analytical limitations of spinel and garnet (cf. chapter 21). Nevertheless it can be shown that systematic differences exist for Cr-Al exchange with temperature (fig. 27). As shown in fig. 27 the values for garnet-spinel pairs at temperatures below 1100°C are only slightly different from the 1200°C data. This may be interpreted as either an insensitivity of this exchange to temperatures below about 1200°C or as an expression for non-equilibrium data for spinel. From fig. 27 it is also apparent that regression lines for one temperature will not go through the origin of the plot. Rotating lines from the origin

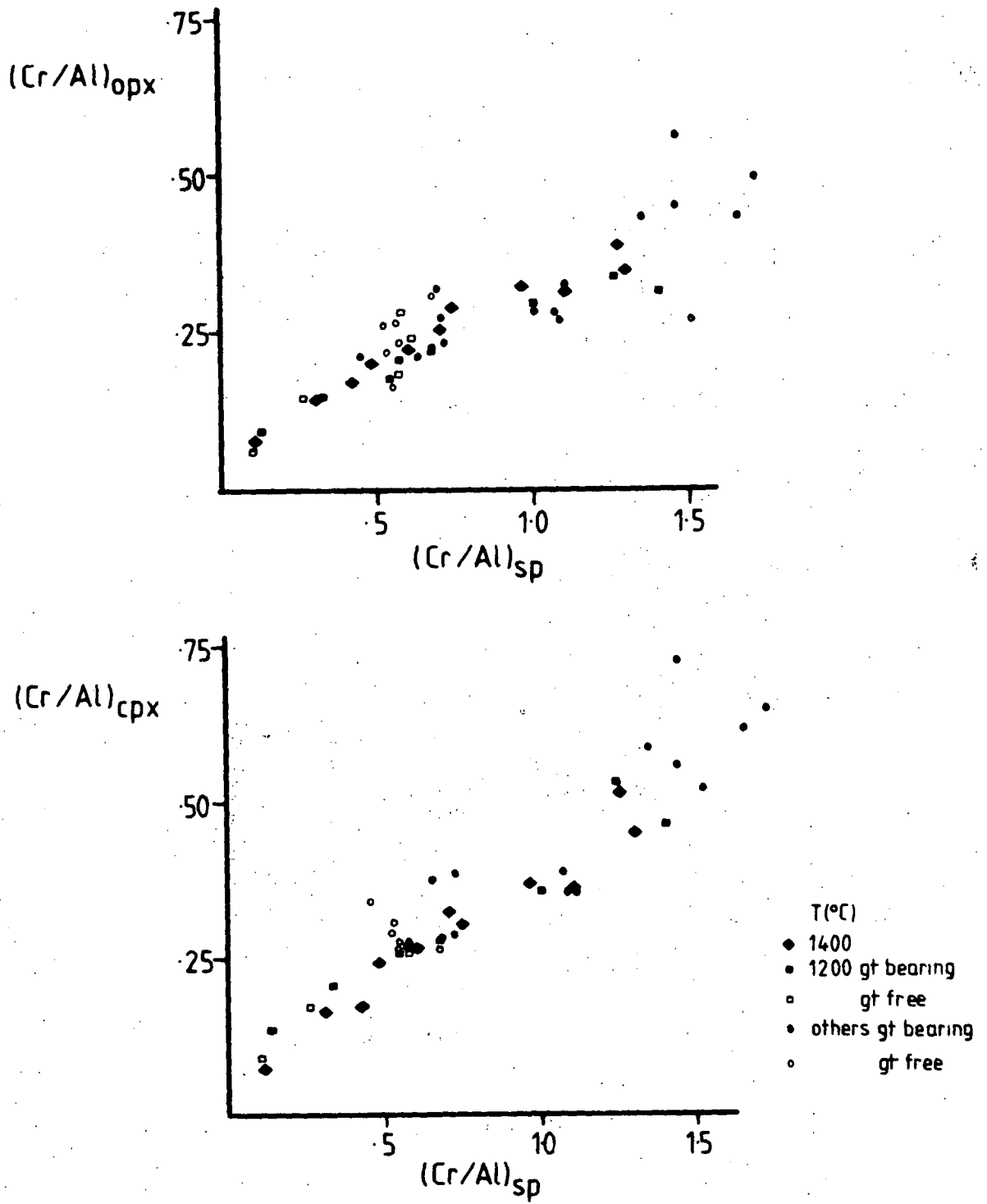


Figure 26: Plot of Cr/Al ratio of spinel vs. ortho- and clinopyroxene. Data points are those of runs with SSO-type starting material.

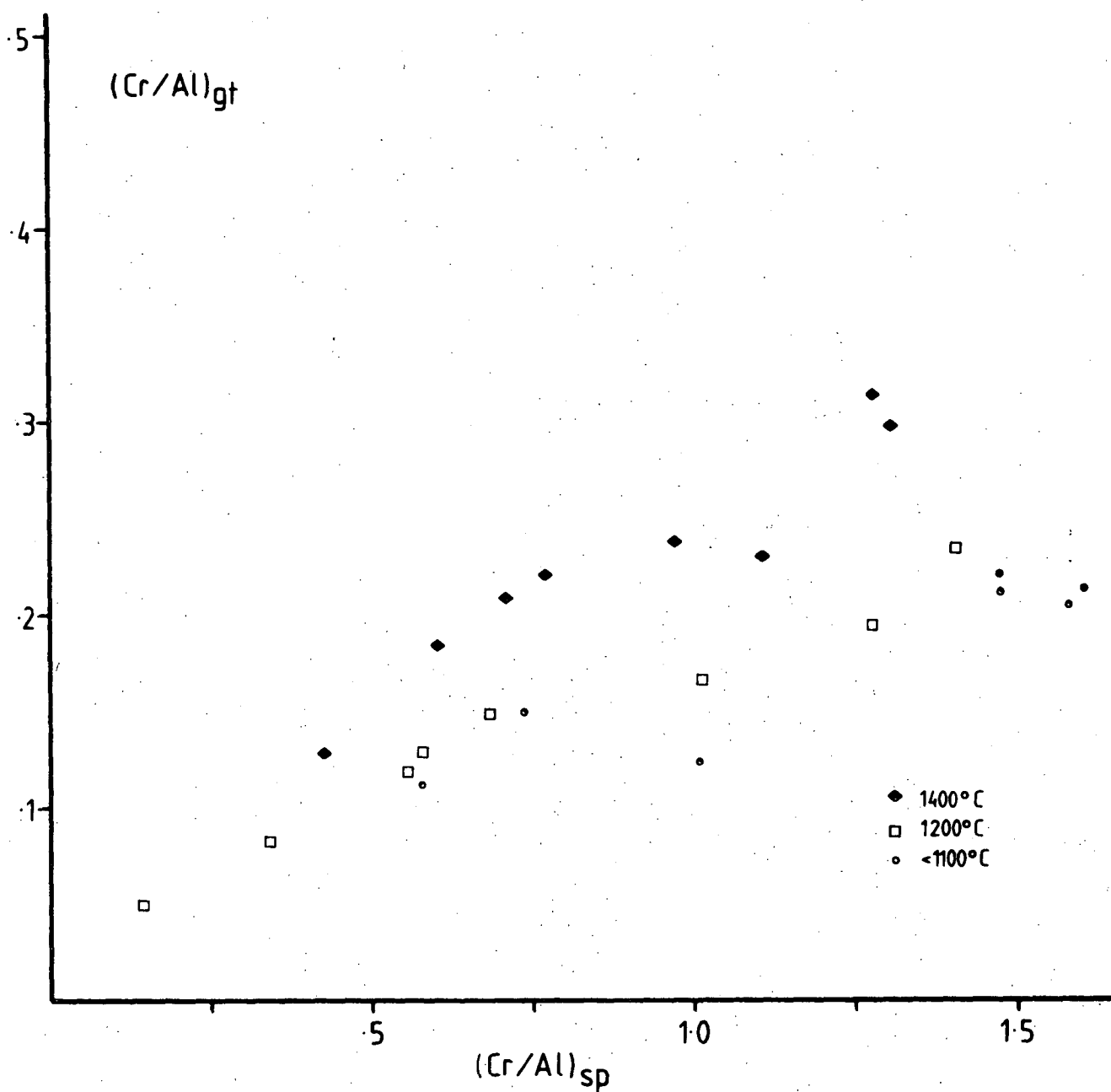
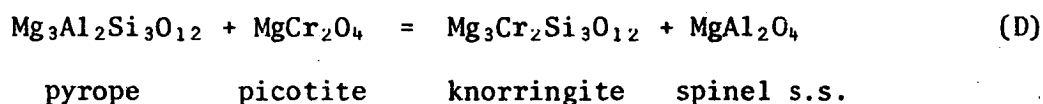


Figure 27: Cr/Al ratio of garnet vs. Cr/Al of coexisting spinel for varying temperature-composition conditions. Pairs of spinel and garnet are from SSO-type starting material.

(which are lines of equal  $K_D$ ) will pass through variable values of  $K_D$  at one temperature. This is indicative for the influence of other parameters on this exchange.

The reaction for the exchange of Cr and Al between garnet and spinel in SMACCR is given by



A K for reaction (D) may thus be formulated as

$$K(D) = \frac{a_{sp} a_{kn}}{a_{pi} a_{py}} \quad (21)$$

The activities are defined by

$$a_{sp} = X_{Mg}^{sp} (X_{Al}^{sp})^2 \gamma_{sp} \quad (22)$$

$$a_{pi} = X_{Mg}^{sp} (X_{Cr}^{sp})^2 \gamma_{pi} \quad (23)$$

$$a_{py} = (X_{Mg}^{gt})^3 (X_{Al}^{gt})^2 \gamma_{py} \quad (24)$$

$$a_{kn} = (X_{Mg}^{gt})^3 (X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 \gamma_{kn} \quad (25)$$

where  $\gamma$  denotes activity coefficient.

The  $K_D$  is thus

$$K_D(D) = \frac{[X_{Mg} (X_{Al})^2]^{sp} [(X_{Mg})^3 (X_{Cr})^2]^{gt}}{[X_{Mg} (X_{Cr})^2]^{sp} [(X_{Mg})^3 (X_{Al})^2]^{gt}} \quad (26)$$

Both the  $X_{Mg}^{sp}$  and  $X_{Mg}^{gt}$  terms are identical in nominator and denominator and hence cancel each other. Therefore

$$K_D(D) = \frac{(X_{Al}^{sp})^2 (X_{Cr}^{gt})^2}{(X_{Cr}^{sp})^2 (X_{Al}^{gt})^2} \quad (27)$$

being equivalent to

$$K_D(D) = \left( \frac{X_{Al}^{sp} X_{Cr}^{gt}}{X_{Cr}^{sp} X_{Al}^{gt}} \right)^2 \quad (28)$$

Now non-idealities are discussed. Garnet is treated as a binary regular solution on both Mg-Ca and Cr-Al sites with reciprocal terms. The appropriate expressions are then

$$RT \ln \gamma_{py} = 3(X_{Ca})^2 W_{CaMg} + 2(X_{Cr})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca} X_{Cr} dG_{rec} \quad (29)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{kn} = 3(X_{Ca})^2 W_{CaMg} + 2(X_{Al})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca} X_{Al} dG_{rec} \quad (30)$$

where  $W$  = Margules or interaction parameter and  $dG_{rec}$  the change in free energy due to reciprocal relationships or relationships across sites.

The size and temperature-dependence of the parameter  $dG_{rec}$  is derived and discussed in chapter 27.

Similarly spinel is modelled as a binary regular solution and thus the expressions for non-idealities are

$$RT \ln \gamma_{sp} = 2(X_{Cr})^2 W_{CrAl} \quad (31)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{pi} = 2(X_{Al})^2 W_{CrAl} \quad (32)$$

The full expression for the free energy change of the exchange reaction (D) is then

$$\begin{aligned} dG_{1,T} = & -[RT \ln K_D + 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 2(X_{Al}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Al}^{gt} dG_{rec} \\ & - 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} - 2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} - X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} dG_{rec} \\ & + 2(X_{Cr}^{sp})^2 W_{CrAl} - 2(X_{Al}^{sp})^2 W_{CrAl}] - PdV \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

For exchange reactions it is generally true that little volume differences exists between products and reactants and hence only a very limited pressure-dependence is expected. Calculating a volume difference by taking the molar volume datum on pure knorringite of Irfune *et al.* (1982) (which is practically identical to the value for knorringite extrapolated by Ringwood (1977)) and the volume data of Robie *et al.* (1978) for the other endmembers a  $dV_r$  (i.e.  $V_{kn}^0 + V_{sp}^0 - V_{py}^0 - V_{pi}^0$ ) of  $0.35 \text{ cm}^3$  is derived and used in further calculations. Under the assumption that  $W_{CrAl}$  is identical for garnet and spinel, equation (33) is reformulated to

$$dG_{1,T} = - \left[ RT \ln K_D(D) + (x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Cr}^{gt}) dG_{rec} + 2[(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] W_{CrAl} \right] - PdV \quad (34)$$

The value for  $W_{CrAl}$  can now be determined by plotting the compositional parameter

$$2[(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] \text{ vs. } -[RT \ln K_D + (x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Cr}^{gt}) dG_{rec}] - PdV.$$

This is done in fig. 28. A regression yields a value of 3400 cal for  $W_{CrAl}$  and lines of this slope are shown in fig. 28. Even though uncertainties exist on the values for low temperatures, the value obtained for  $W_{CrAl}$  is quite well established by the experimental data.

The derived  $W_{CrAl}$  is substituted in equation (34) and the plot of  $dG_{1,T}^0$  vs.  $1/T$  is shown in fig. 29. An apparent disagreement exists between regressions for temperatures above and below 1100°C. Again it is impossible at this stage to decide whether a change in the behaviour of the Cr/Al exchange occurs at low temperatures or if the low temperature data are due to non-equilibrium data for spinel. However, regressions for low temperature runs on the basis of  $dG = dH - TdS + PdV$  would require unrealistically low values of  $dS$  (in the order of -15 e.u.). Regression of data at temperatures above 1100°C yields values of  $dH = -4673$  cal and  $dS = -5.46$  e.u.

Values derived for  $dH$  and  $dS$  of reaction (D) make it possible to give estimates of the as yet undetermined values of  $H_{f,298}$  and  $S_{298}$  for knorringite. This can be done by solving the equations

$$H_{f,298}^{knorringite} + H_{f,298}^{spinel} - H_{f,298}^{pyrope} - H_{f,298}^{picotite} = dH \text{ (reaction D)} \\ = -4673 \text{ cal} \quad (35)$$

$$S_{298}^{knorringite} + S_{298}^{spinel} - S_{298}^{pyrope} - S_{298}^{picotite} = dS \text{ (reaction D)} \\ = -5.46 \text{ e.u.} \quad (36)$$

for the unknown quantities. Taking the values of  $dH$  (D) = -4673 cal

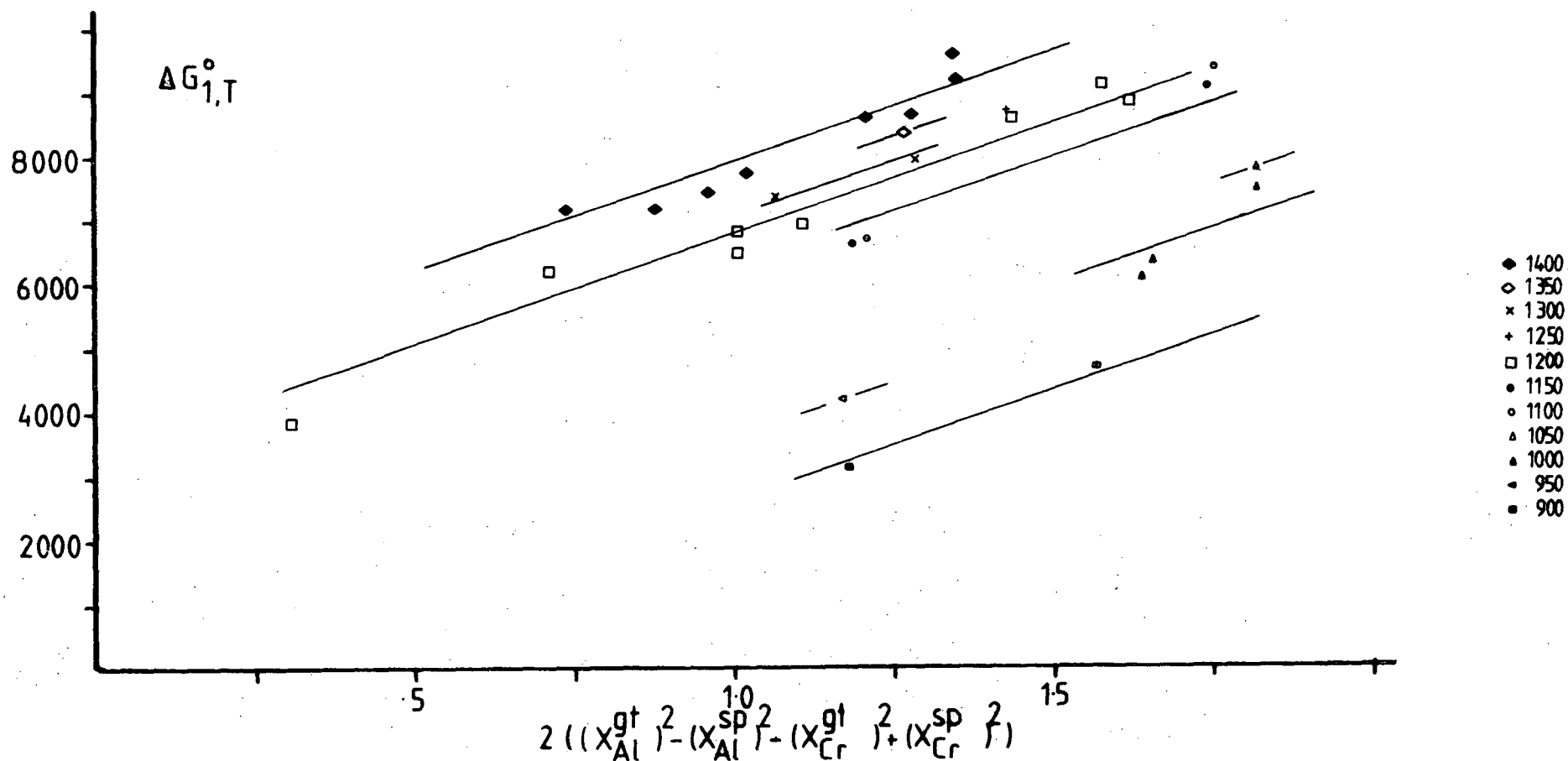


Figure 28: Plot of  $dG_{1,T}$  of reaction (D) vs. the parameter  $2[(X_{Al}^{gt})^2 - (X_{Al}^{sp})^2 + (X_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (X_{Cr}^{gt})^2]$ .  $dG_{1,T}$  in this plot is defined as  $-RT \ln K_D(D) + (X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Al}^{gt} - X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt}) dG_{rec}(E) - PdV_r$ . Data points from runs with SSO-type starting material, temperatures of runs are in °C and indicated by symbols. Slope of the drawn lines comes from regression of high temperature data.

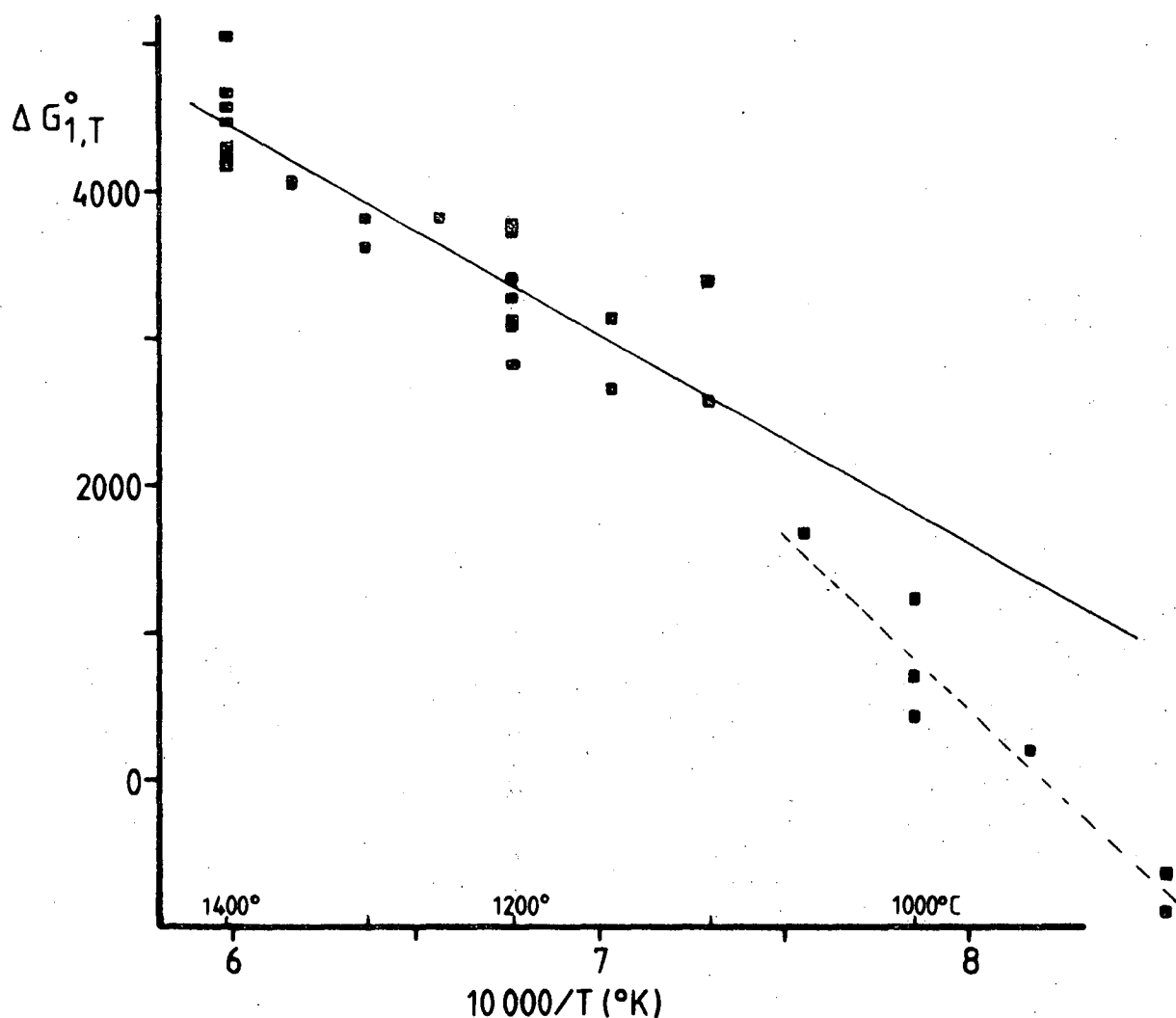


Figure 29: Plot of  $dG_{1,T}(D)$  vs.  $10000/T$  (K).  $dG_{1,T}$  is defined by  

$$-[RT \ln K_D(D) + (x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt})dG_{rec}(E) + 2[(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2]W_{CrAl}] - PdV_r$$
 (see text). Solid line is regressed from high temperature data, dashed line from low temperature data.



and  $dS(D) = -5.46$  e.u., values of  $H_{f,298}^{\text{knorringite}} = -5788.5$  (kJ/mol) and  $S_{298}^{\text{knorringite}} = 224.5$  (J/mol K) are derived. The values of  $H_{f,298}$  and  $S_{298}$  for pyrope, spinel and picotite were taken from Robie *et al.* (1978) and are listed in table 13.

Table 13:  $H_{f,298}$  (kJ/mol) and  $S_{298}$  (J/mol K) values for garnets and spinels.

	$H_{f,298}$	$S_{298}$
spinel	-2299.3	80.63
picotite	-1783.6	106.02
pyrope	-6284.6	222.0
knorringite	-5788.5	224.5

From table 13 it is apparent that the derived values for knorringite relative to the measured values for pyrope are consistent with the differences for the respective Al and Cr endmembers of the spinel group. Spinel has the higher  $H_{f,298}$  and the lower  $S_{298}$  relative to picotite. The estimates for the Cr-garnet are lower in  $H_{f,298}$  and higher in  $S_{298}$  relative to the Al-garnet.

A rough estimate of the expected size of  $H_{f,298}$  for garnets can also be obtained by the summation of the  $H_{f,298}$  values of the oxides. Adding the appropriate oxides for pyrope (data from Robie *et al.*, 1978) a value of -6212 kJ/mol is obtained, which compares well with the measured value of -6284 kJ/mol. Adding the appropriate oxide values for knorringite yields -5671 kJ/mol compared to the estimate of -5788 kJ/mol.  $S_{298}$  values for phases and oxides are more than three orders of magnitude smaller in absolute numbers and hence a small absolute difference represents a large relative difference. Therefore a summation of  $S_{298}$  values for the oxides is less meaningful, unless appropriate corrections are made (Fyfe, Turner & Verhoogen, 1958), but point also to higher values for  $S_{298}$  for knorringite relative to pyrope.

Consideration of calorimetric measurements of thermodynamic quantities of oxides and minerals are therefore supportive of the  $dH$  and  $dS$  values derived for reaction (D).

Substituting  $dH$ - $TdS$  for  $dG_{1,T}$  equation (34) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} dH - TdS = & -RT \ln K_D - (x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt})dG_{rec} \\ & - 2W_{CrAl} [(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] - PdV \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

The reciprocal term for the garnet is more fully expressed (derived in chapter 27) as

$$dG_{rec} = dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec} \quad (38)$$

where  $dH_{rec}$  and  $dS_{rec}$  denote the enthalpy and entropy change of the cross-site interaction. Thus equation (37) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} dH - TdS = & -RT \ln K_D - (x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt})(dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec}) \\ & - 2W_{CrAl} [(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] - PdV \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} dH - TdS = & -RT \ln K_D - dH_{rec}(x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt}) \\ & + TdS_{rec}(x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt}) \\ & - 2W_{CrAl} [(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] - PdV \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Reformulation of this equation gives then the thermometric formulation

$$T = \frac{-dH_{rec}(x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt}) - 2W_{CrAl} [(x_{Al}^{gt})^2 - (x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 + (x_{Cr}^{sp})^2 - (x_{Al}^{sp})^2] - dH - PdV}{R \ln K_D - dS_{rec}(x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Al}^{gt} - x_{Ca}^{gt}x_{Cr}^{gt}) - dS} \quad (41)$$

Substituting the values for the parameters derived in this chapter

( $W_{CrAl} = 3400$  cals,  $dH(D) = -4673$  cals/mol,  $dS(D) = -5.46$  e.u.,  $dV_T = 8.37$  cals/kb) and in chapter 27 ( $dH_{rec} = 90\,853$  cals/mol,  $dS_{rec} = -52.1$  e.u.), equation 41 becomes

$$T(^{\circ}\text{K}) = \frac{-90853(x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}} - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}) - 6800[(x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 - (x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 + (x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{sp}})^2 - (x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{sp}})^2] + 4673 - 8.37P}{R \ln K_D - 52.1(x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}} - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}) + 5.46} \quad (42)$$

Application of this equation (42) to the experimental data is shown in fig. 30. The data for experiments carried out at temperatures above 1100°C with the SSO-type starting material are reproduced within approx.  $\pm 70^{\circ}\text{C}$  with a mean  $dT$  (i.e.  $T_{\text{expmt}} - T_{\text{est}}$ ) of  $42^{\circ}\text{C}$ . A number of data obtained from runs with SOGP-type starting material comply with these limits, but others show large discrepancies according to the closeness of approach for spinel compositions for different starting materials.

Calculations of low-temperature runs (below 1100°C) yield large over-estimations with a calculated temperature being constant at about 1150°C. The possible reasons for this have been discussed previously.

Summarizing, the exchange of Cr and Al between garnet and spinel is sensitive to temperature at least above 1200°C. A thermometer has been calculated for these conditions in the system SMACCR based on SSO-type starting material. The uncertainties for both attempted reversals and low-temperature runs have to be borne in mind when applying the expressions to natural rocks (chapter 35).

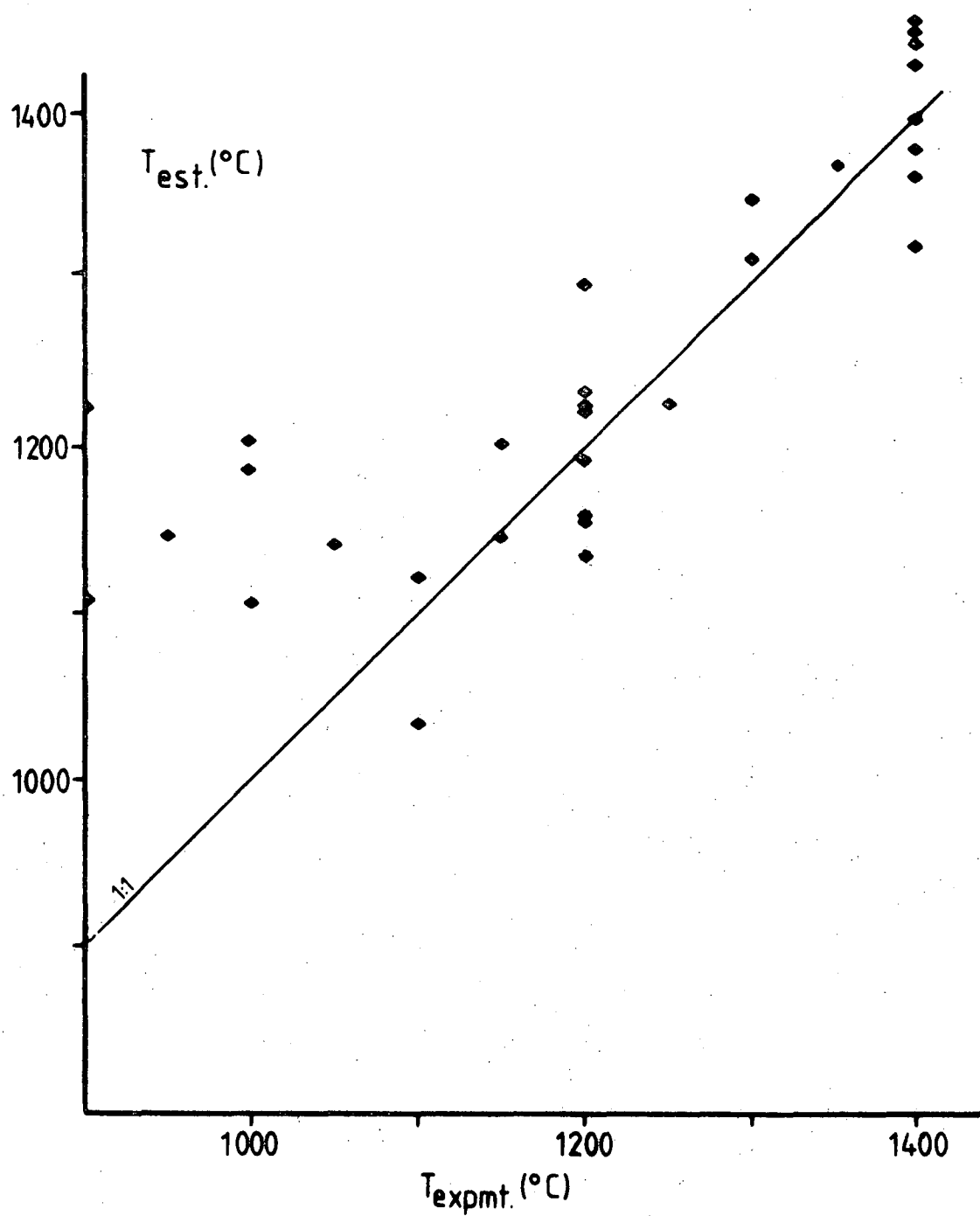


Figure 30: Comparison of temperature estimated via equation (42) and nominal run temperatures. Estimates shown are for SSO-type starting material.

26. SOLUBILITY OF  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  AND  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  IN ORTHOPYROXENE COEXISTING WITH GARNET

As outlined before, the experimental strategy adopted here is based on the rapidity of pyroxene growth in experimental charges, but that it is not possible to reverse the compositions *sensu stricto*. The quality of data for the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  is evaluated in figs. 31 and 32. There is no preference for data obtained from SSO or SOGP starting material, the choice of taking the data from SSO runs as a reference is purely arbitrary. Fig. 31 illustrates two points: (i) both SSO and SOGP charges show good clustering around a mean value. The error bar has the length of two standard deviations for each individual run. The variance is often within the limits of the accuracy of probe analyses (approx.  $\pm 0.25$  wt.%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), and (ii) the values for the pairs (SSO and SOGP at identical P-T conditions and of identical composition) approach each other very closely.

If the assumption is correct that SSO material approaches equilibrium from high- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents and SOGP material from low- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents in orthopyroxene, then all possible cases of a "reversal" are present: incomplete closure, identical data points, or overstepping. This was expected in the light of possible, but not necessarily always given, "path-looping" (Lane & Ganguly, 1980; Perkins & Newton, 1980).

It is impossible to determine whether for an individual pair of runs an overlap is due to overstepping of equilibrium from both sides or only one. Equally impossible is the determination of a possible asymmetry of the approach of the equilibrium where a gap exists. Both bracketing values have therefore been used in calculations instead of a "preferred" value within an overlap or between gaps.

The solubility of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  (fig. 32) may be discussed in the same way. However, some standard deviations are relatively large, so that compositional zonation cannot be excluded in respect to  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in a few runs. There is a

Figure 31: Comparison of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents in orthopyroxenes in SMACCR experiments between different starting material. The value for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  obtained in runs with SSO material is taken as reference and is shown as filled circles on a 1:1 line. The error bar has the length of two standard deviations. The values from SOGP-type starting material from runs at identical P,T,X conditions are as open symbols, the error bar points towards the corresponding SSO value. Two diagrams drawn for clarity.

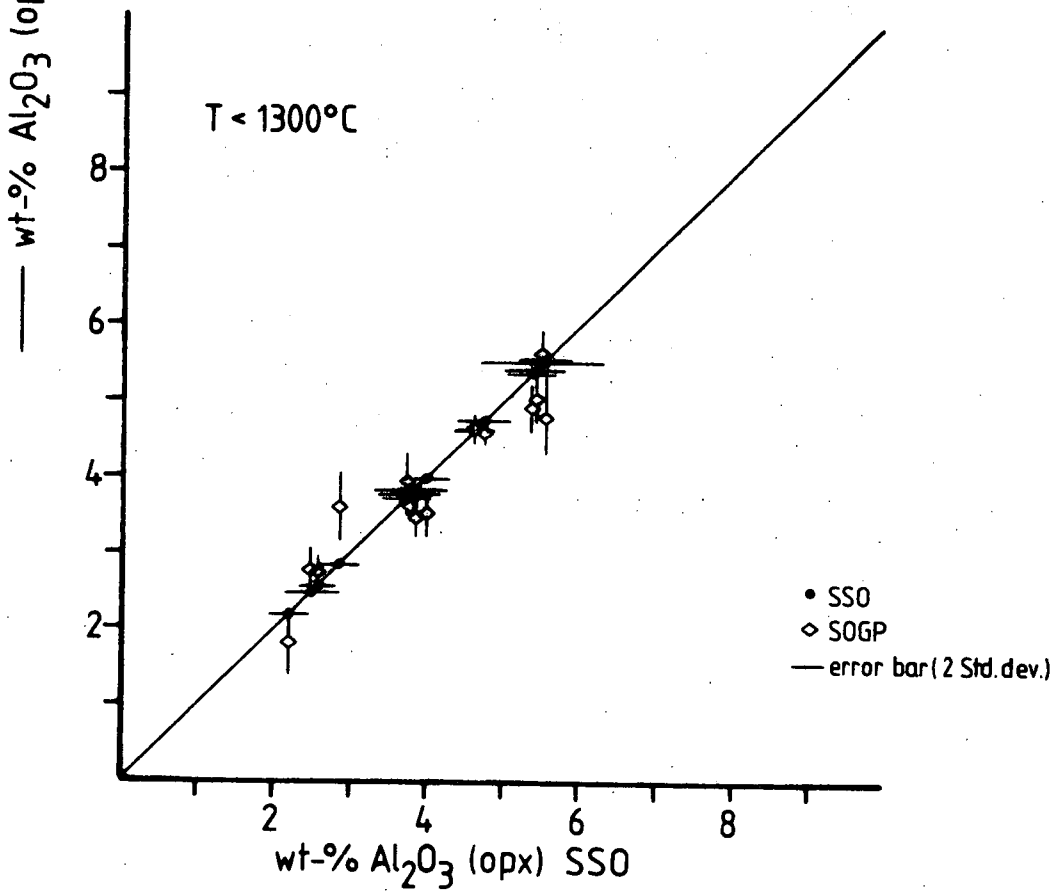
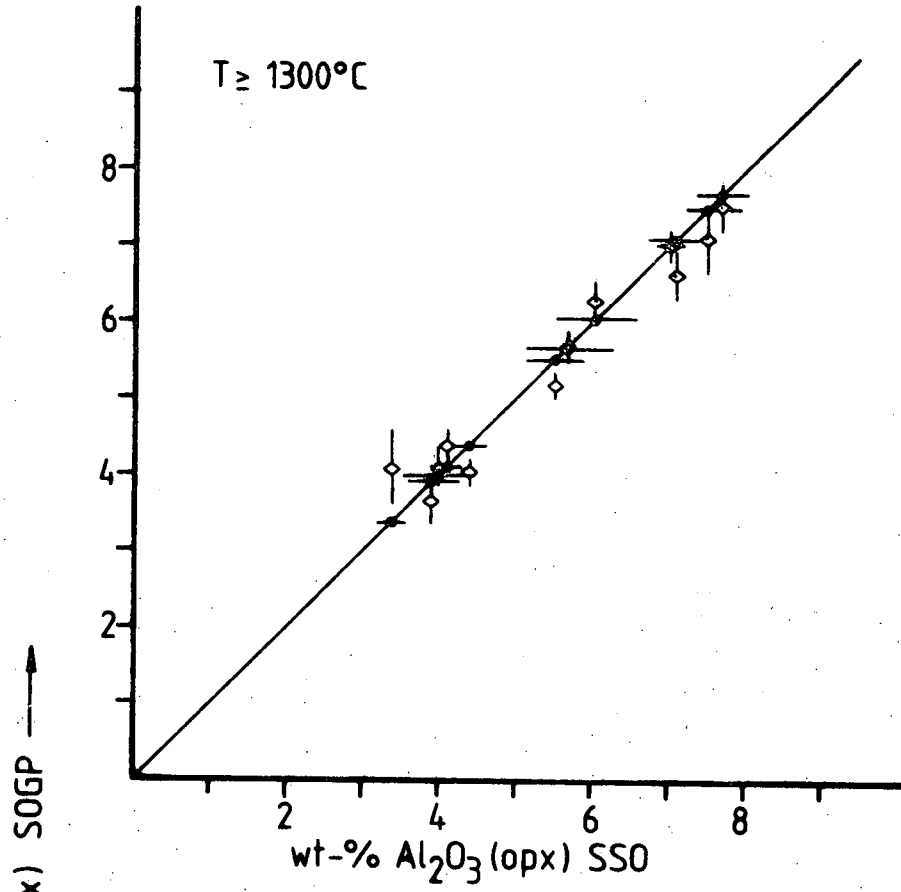
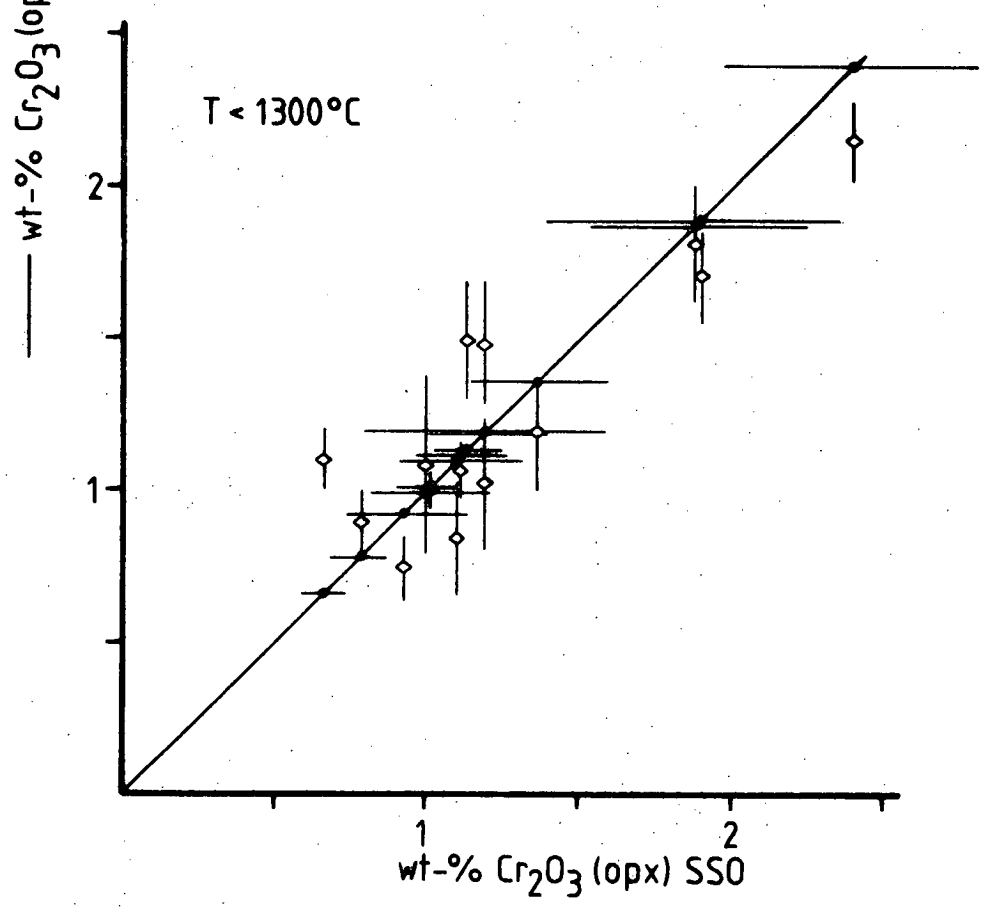
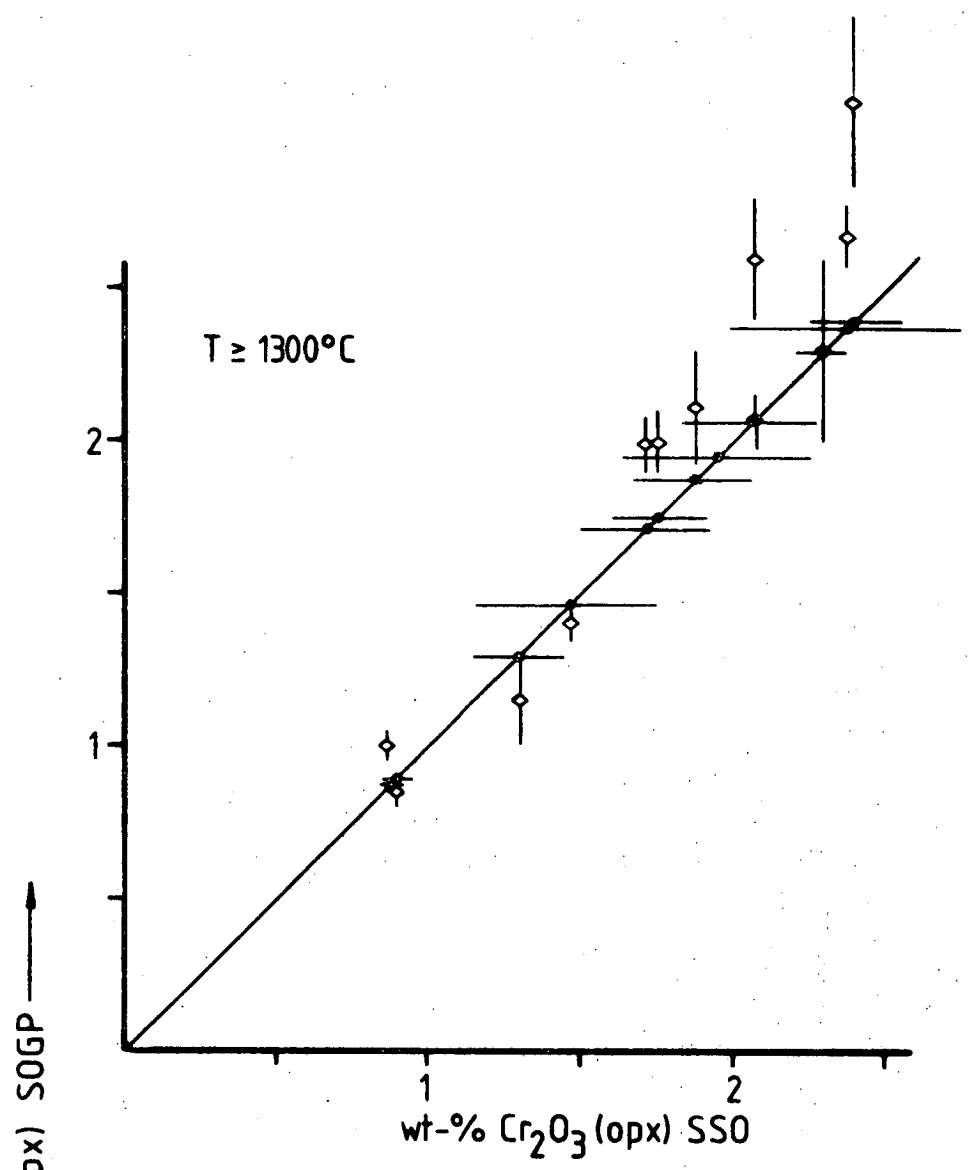


Figure 32: Comparison of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  contents in orthopyroxene in SMACCR experiments between different starting materials. The technique of display is identical to fig. 31.





tendency for high temperature runs with high Cr contents of orthopyroxene to give overlapping results, while this is not apparent for lower temperature runs. This is interpreted as due to the change of reaction rates with temperature.

In figs. 31 and 32 only pairs of runs are shown. A number of runs have been performed with only one starting material (mostly SSO) and are hence "unreversed". This is true especially for experiments at low temperatures, where crystalline starting material is likely to be too sluggish to reach or approach equilibrium closely. The closeness of approach of pairs of runs makes it likely that unreversed data are a good approximation of equilibrium values at least at higher temperatures. Therefore unreversed data are considered, but uncertainties, particularly at low temperatures, are likely to be higher.

Cr is interpreted as entering orthopyroxene in the form of a Mg-Cr-tschermaks molecule with the formula  $\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6$  and Cr is placed completely into the M1 site (cf. section 25.1). This leads to the formulation of  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} = (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{total}} - X_{\text{Cr}})/2$  for the amount of Al present on the M1 site. It should be noted that this formulation yields identical results with  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} = X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{total}} - (2-\text{Si})$  only where the structural formula is exactly 4.000 (based on 6 oxygen). Most analyses show minor deviation of the sums of structural formulae from 4.000 and hence slightly different values for  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  may be calculated. A relatively small error in Si analyses will result in a relatively large error for  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}$  (calculated as  $2-\text{Si}$ ). Therefore values for Al in M1 of orthopyroxene have been calculated on the basis of the recorded Al and Cr values.

The amount of  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  in orthopyroxene present at any one P-T condition is strongly dependent on the amount of Cr present in coexisting garnet (fig. 33). This is expected if CrAl substitutes for AlAl in orthopyroxene and regular relationships between orthopyroxene and garnet exist. However, the data in fig. 33 suggest that the slopes of  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  vs.  $X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}$  are not identical

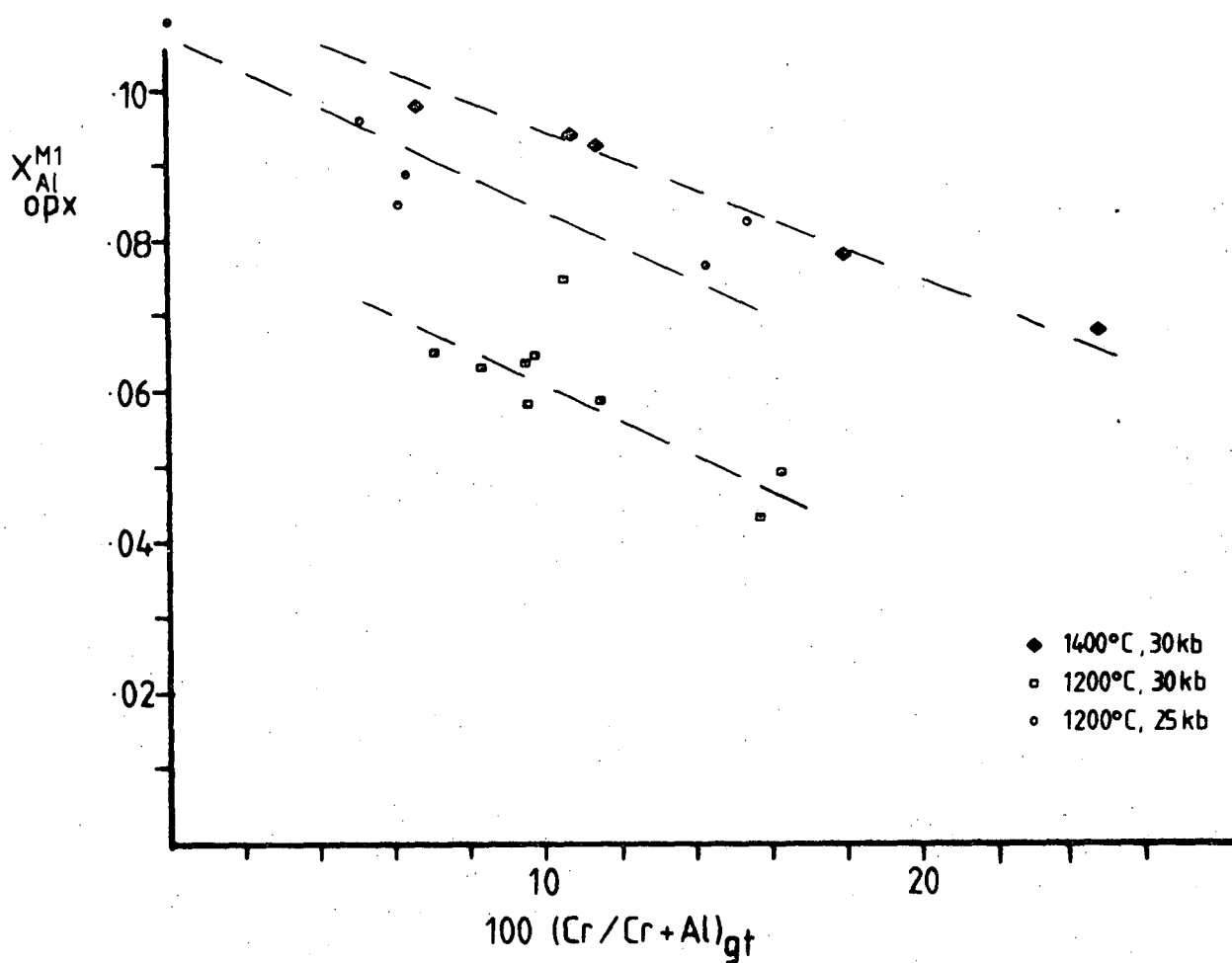


Figure 33: Dependence of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  of orthopyroxene on the Cr/Cr+Al ratio ( $= X_{Cr}^{gt}$ ) of garnet.  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  of orthopyroxene is in the system SMACCR equal to  $(Al-Cr)/2$ . Dashed lines are handfitted trendlines.

for different temperatures. Translated into a pressure-temperature space it is only possible to specify isopleths of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  for a given coexisting garnet. A schematic picture of the influence of varying garnet compositions on Al isopleths is shown in fig. 34. Both in the system SMACCR and natural rocks substantial differences in garnet compositions are present. A grid of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  isopleths cannot therefore be a good tool for the estimation of pressure-temperature conditions.

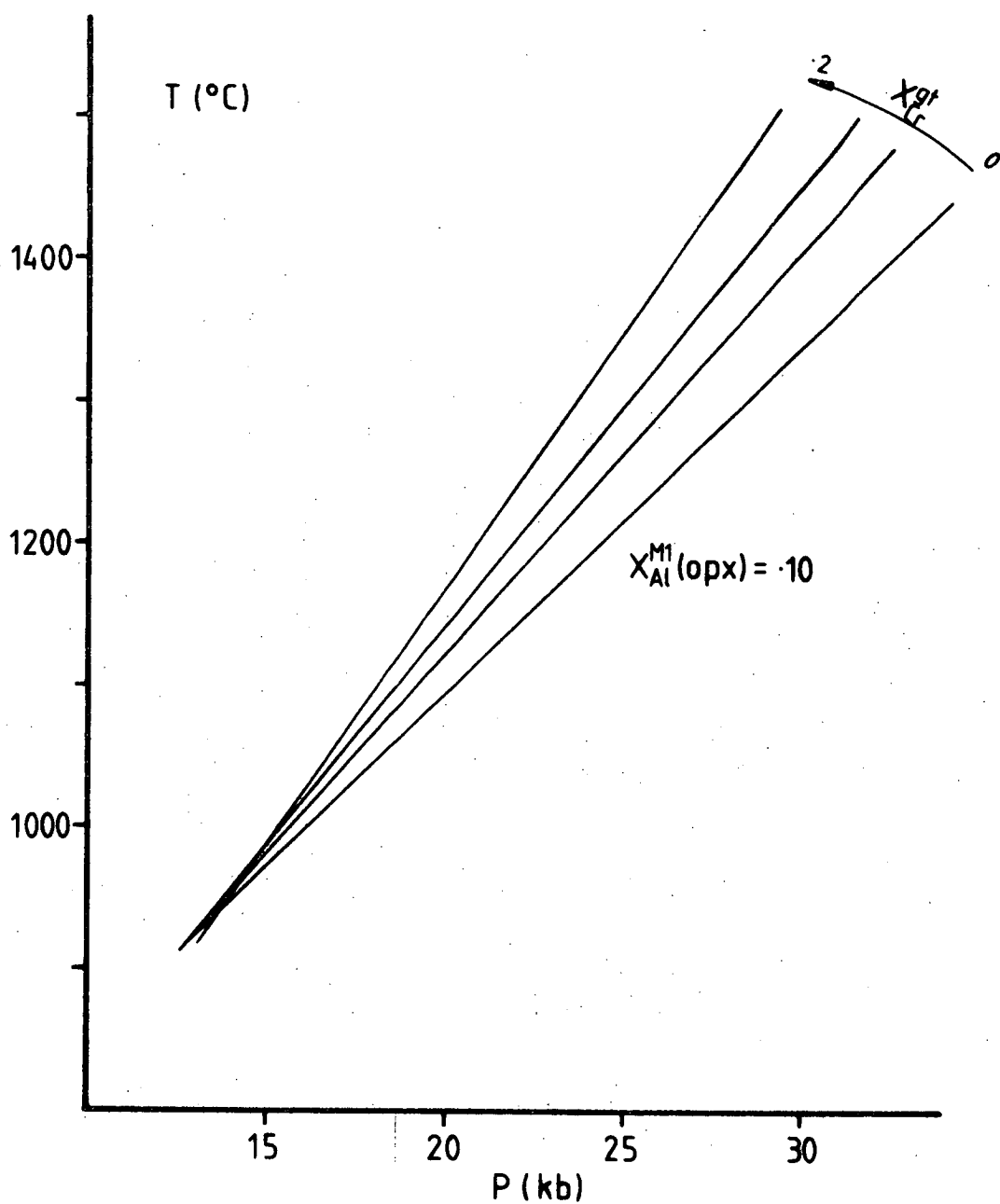
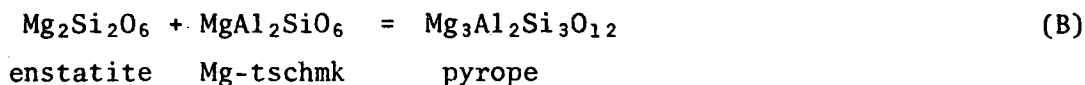


Figure 34: Influence of  $X_{Cr}^{gt}$  on  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  in orthopyroxene in P-T space. Shown as solid lines are schematic isopleths of  $X_{Al}^{M1} = 0.1$  for varying Cr content of coexisting garnet. The picture is schematic because  $X_{Ca}^{gt}$  has to be specified for the correct location of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  in SMACCR.

# 27. GEOBAROMETRY BASED ON THE SOLUBILITY OF $Al_2O_3$ IN ORTHOPYROXENE

As in the system CMAS, the reaction on which pressure estimations are based is



and accordingly the activities are expressed as

$$a_{Mg_2Si_2O_6}^{opx} = X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Mg}^{M2} \gamma_{Mg_2Si_2O_6} \quad (43)$$

$$a_{MgAl_2SiO_6}^{opx} = X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Mg}^{M2} \gamma_{MgAl_2SiO_6} \quad (44)$$

$$a_{Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}}^{gt} = (X_{Mg}^{gt})^3 (X_{Al}^{gt})^2 \gamma_{Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}} \quad (45)$$

Neglecting possible small quantities of Ca-tschermaks or Ca-Cr-tschermaks, orthopyroxene in the system SMACCR consists of the four endmembers enstatite, Mg-tschermaks molecule, Mg-Cr-tschermaks molecule and diopside. Ca terms in expressions for non-ideal behaviour of orthopyroxene have been neglected for reasons discussed in CMAS. Therefore the non-ideal contribution of diopside has not been included in the modelling and this reduces the mixing model to the M1 site, where Mg, Al and Cr mix. A model for a ternary regular solution has been adopted and so

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} = (X_{Al}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{MgCr} - W_{CrAl}) \quad (46)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = (X_{Mg}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{CrAl} - W_{MgCr}) \quad (47)$$

As for CMAS the interaction between Mg and Al is taken into account by the excess volume term of Harley & Green (1982). This approach is adopted for SMACCR also. It is assumed here that Cr-Mg interactions are also taken into account by use of this term. The activity expressions thus reduce to

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} = (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (-W_{CrAl}) \quad (48)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} W_{CrAl} \quad (49)$$

which on combination yield

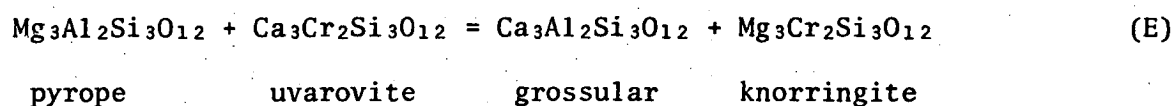
$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{en}} + RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgTs}} = [2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}] W_{\text{CrAl}} \quad (50)$$

Garnet consists of four endmembers: pyrope, grossular, knorringite and uvarovite. Non-ideal contributions to the changes in free energy for reaction (B) may be modelled as being a combined effect of two binary regular solutions and reciprocal or cross-site interactions.

The contribution of the on-site non-ideality of mixing is then

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{py}}^{\text{on-site}} = 3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CrAl}} \quad (51)$$

Cross-site interactions come from the reaction of the endmembers



Adopting the model of Wood & Nicholls (1978) the activity of pyrope in SMACCR becomes

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln a_{\text{py}} = & RT \ln [(X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2] + 3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} \\ & + 2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CrAl}} + X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}} dG_{\text{rec}} \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where  $dG_{\text{rec}}$  is the change in free energy for the exchange reaction (E).

Combining these expressions for non-idealities with the formulation for reaction (B) we have

$$\begin{aligned} dG_{1,T}(B) = & - \left( RT \ln K_D(B) + 3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} \right. \\ & + [2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 - 2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}})^2 - X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} + X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}] W_{\text{CrAl}} \\ & \left. + X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}} dG_{\text{rec}} \right) - PdV \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

An estimation of the size of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  can now be made by plotting  $RT \ln K_D(\text{B}) + \text{on-site terms} + PdV$  vs. the parameter  $x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}$ . This is shown in fig. 35. It is apparent from the change in slope of these lines with temperature that  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  is temperature-dependent. The sizes of the parameters  $dH(\text{B})$ ,  $dS(\text{B})$ ,  $W_{\text{CaMg}}$  and  $W_{\text{CrAl}}$  are known from CMAS and section 25.3 respectively. An error in the estimation of  $W_{\text{CrAl}}$  will have little influence on the calculation of  $dH_{\text{rec}}$  and  $dS_{\text{rec}}$  because the parameters associated with  $W_{\text{CrAl}}$  in equation (53) tend to cancel each other. The temperature-dependence of reaction (E) has been modelled by means of stepwise and multiple regression as  $dG_{\text{rec}} = dH_{\text{rec}} - TdS_{\text{rec}}$ . The experiments at low temperatures are unreversed and thus likely to include larger errors than the high temperature data. The regression was therefore based on the latter data.

The regression yields values of  $dH_{\text{rec}} = 90,853$  cal/mol and  $dS = 52.1$  e.u. and thus the size of  $dG_{\text{rec}}$  is 3690, 14110 and 24530 cal/mol at 1400°, 1200° and 1000°C respectively. Slopes of the appropriate value are drawn in fig. 35.

The values for  $dH_{\text{rec}}$  and  $dS_{\text{rec}}$  are very large and physically improbable. They have therefore to be discussed. Wood & Nicholls (1978) argued for the likelihood of a large  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  on the basis of the high pressures needed to synthesize pure knorringite. They estimated the size of  $dG_{\text{rec}}$  on the basis of the correlation between Ca and Cr in natural garnets from lherzolite inclusions in kimberlite and derived apparent values between 26000 and 18000 cal/mol (depending on the consideration of on-site terms). A second estimate by Wood & Nicholls (1978) of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  was based on calorimetric measurements of garnets and stability ranges of pyrope and knorringite and yielded 12000 cal/mol. However, this estimate was based on the knorringite synthesis of Ringwood (1977). Ringwood's (1977) data have been disputed by Irfune *et al.* (1982), who showed that a much higher pressure is required to produce knorringite (at 1400°C:



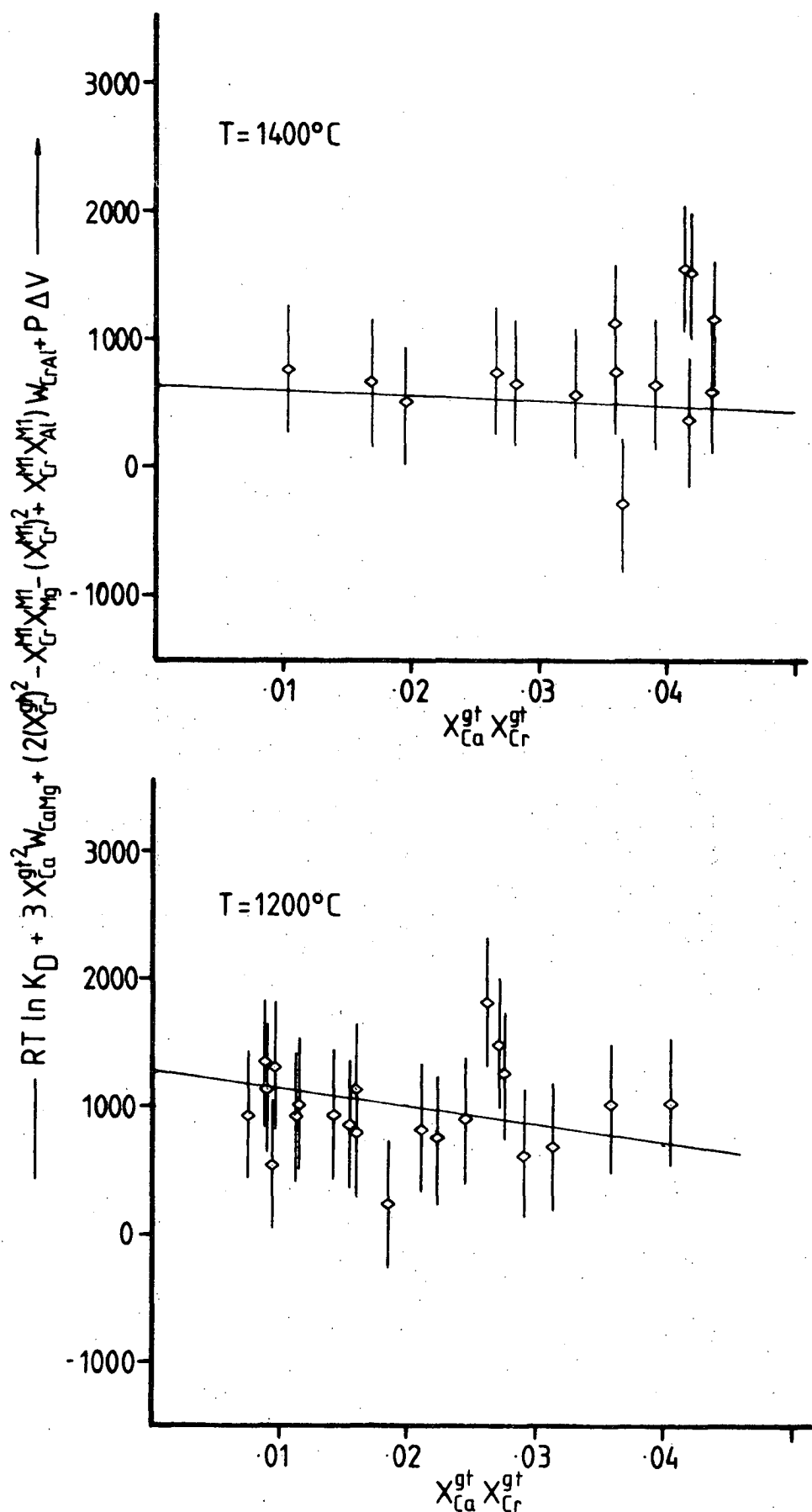


Figure 35: Plot of  $RT \ln K_D(B) + \text{on-site terms} + PdV_T$  vs. the parameter  $X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt}$  for experiments in SMACCR at 1400° and 1200°C. Solid lines are slopes from multiple regressions. Error bar is equal to an estimated error of  $\pm 500$  cal/mol for the term on the y-axis.

Ringwood (1977) approx. 70 kb, Irfune *et al.* (1982) approx. 120 kb). Thus consideration of stabilities of garnet endmembers and calorimetric measurements is likely to yield very high values for  $dG_{rec}(E)$  as well in the light of the new data (Irfune *et al.*, 1982).

The estimate of  $dG_{rec}(E)$  of Wood & Nicholls (1978) based on the Ca-Cr correlation in garnets took into account mainly garnets from nodules, which show low equilibration temperatures [900-1100°C, based on Wells (1977) geothermometer]. Sobolev (1977) also noted the correlation between Ca and Cr in garnets from lherzolite inclusions in kimberlite. His data from the Udachnaya pipe indicate a different slope for this correlation (fig. 36). Most lherzolites studied by Sobolev (1977) equilibrated at higher temperatures [1100-1200°C, based on Wells (1977) geothermometer] than those of Wood & Nicholls (1978). The slope of the Ca-Cr correlation based on Sobolev's (1977) data is less steep than that of Wood & Nicholls (1978), indicating a smaller size of  $dG_{rec}(E)$ . Natural rocks thus show evidence for a temperature dependence of an apparent  $dG_{rec}(E)$ . The data in SMACCR are consistent with this observation and different slopes of the Ca-Cr correlation in garnet are obtained for different temperatures, becoming less steep at higher temperatures (fig. 36). In particular, the 1000°C and 1200°C slopes are very similar to the slopes of Wood & Nicholls (1978) and Sobolev (1977) respectively (fig. 36). Thus the observations on natural rocks are consistent with the data obtained in the SMACCR system and provide evidence for both the correct size and temperature dependence of the  $dG_{rec}(E)$  derived in this study.

Nonetheless, the derived values for  $dH_{rec}(E)$  and  $dS_{rec}(E)$  seem physically improbable. Wood & Nicholls (1978) showed that a large size of  $dG_{rec}(E)$  argues for the presence of substantial short-range order in garnet. At this stage it cannot be distinguished between a "true" temperature dependence of  $dG_{rec}(E)$  and the influence of increasing short-range order with decreasing temperature. The modelled values of  $dG_{rec}$ ,  $dH_{rec}$  and

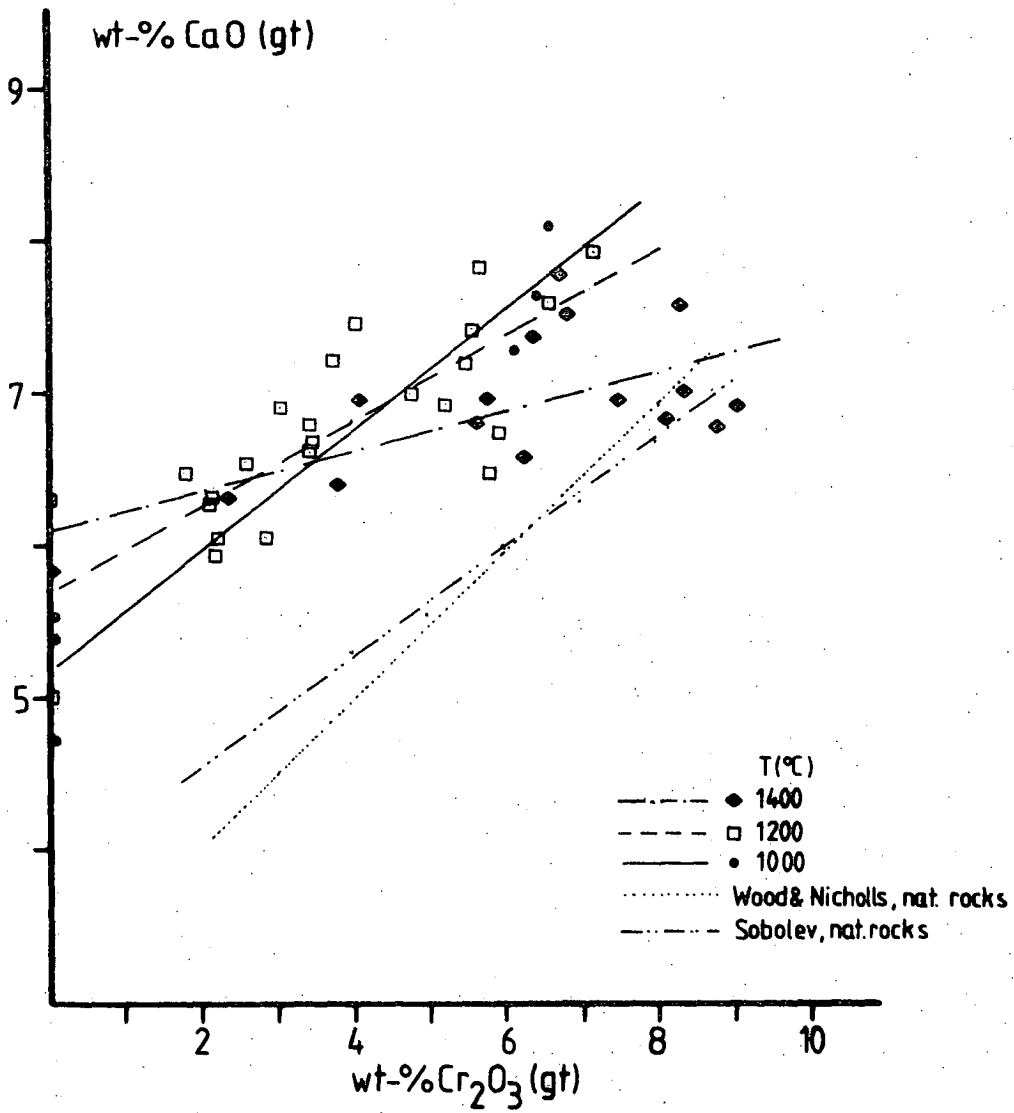


Figure 36: Comparison of Ca-Cr correlations in garnets from experimental runs and natural rocks. Slopes for garnets from natural garnet lherzolites are from Sobolev (1977) and Wood & Nicholls (1978). Data points and (regressed) trends are for experiments in SMACCR and CMAS. Correlation coefficient  $r$  is 0.63, 0.79 and 0.97 for the experimental data at 1400, 1200 and 1000°C respectively.

$dS_{rec}$  are therefore regarded as apparent values and thus should not be confused with straightforward thermodynamic data, which may be derived by calorimetric measurements. The model presented is thus semi-empirical.

Substituting now  $dH-TdS$  for  $dG_{1,T}$  of reactions (B) and (E), equation (53) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} dH(B)-TdS(B) = & - \left[ RT \ln K_D + 3(x_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} \right. \\ & + [2(x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - 2(x_{Cr}^{M1})^2 - x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1} + x_{Al}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1}] W_{CrAl} \\ & \left. + x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Cr}^{gt} (dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec}) \right] - PdV_r \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

which is reformulated to give a solution for P:

$$\begin{aligned} P = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left( -RT \ln K_D - 3(x_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} \right. \\ \left. - [2(x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - 2(x_{Cr}^{M1})^2 - x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1} + x_{Al}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1}] W_{CrAl} \right. \\ \left. - x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Cr}^{gt} (dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec}) \right) - dH(B) + TdS(B) \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

The values for parameters derived in this study ( $W_{CrAl} = 3400$  cals,  $dH_{rec} = 90853$  cals/mol,  $dS_{rec} = 52.1$  e.u.,  $dH(B) = -6047$  cals/mol,  $dS(B) = -3.23$  e.u.) and those adopted from the literature [ $W_{CaMg} = 3000$  cal, Wood & Nicholls (1978),  $dV_r = -(183.3 + 178.98 x_{Al}^{M1}(1-x_{Al}^{M1}))$ , Harley & Green (1982)] are substituted into equation (55) and thus the barometer for the SMACCR system is given by -

$$\begin{aligned} P(kb) = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left( -RT \ln \left( \frac{(x_{Mg}^{gt})^3 (x_{Al}^{gt})^2}{x_{Mg}^{M1} (x_{Mg}^{M2})^2 x_{Al}^{M1}} \right) - 9000(x_{Ca}^{gt})^2 - 3400[2(x_{Cr}^{gt})^2 \right. \\ \left. - 2(x_{Cr}^{M1})^2 - x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1} + x_{Al}^{M1} x_{Cr}^{M1}] \right. \\ \left. - x_{Ca}^{gt} x_{Cr}^{gt} (90853 - 52.1T) + 6047 - 3.23T \right) \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Application of equation (56) to the experimental data is shown in fig. 37. Due to the complexity of formulations and the limitations for the analysis of garnets the accuracy is not expected to be better than about  $\pm 3-4$  kb. In fig. 37 such a limit of  $\pm 3.5$  kb is shown and most data fall within this limit and almost all would fall within a 4 kb limit. Some runs show larger deviations. These are three runs at 900°C and 1000°C and three results at 1400°C. The discrepancies for the low temperature runs may be explained by the fact that besides the problem of slow reaction rates a small analytical error will result in comparatively large under- or over-estimations, because of the low levels of Al and Cr in orthopyroxene. The run at 1400°C and 45 kb may not have reached the nominal run pressure. 45 kb is close to the pressure limit of the apparatus and the pressure vessel used in this experiment was found to have a cracked and partly extruded core on completion of this run. The deviation of two runs at 32.5 and 35 kb is not well understood, but in the 32.5 kb run no clinopyroxene was found and the coexisting clinopyroxene of the 35 kb run shows a higher content of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  than orthopyroxene. Since for these levels of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  the clinopyroxene usually has the lower content, it is concluded that the run failed to approach equilibrium closely. If these runs are excluded, the mean deviation of the calculated pressure from the nominal run pressure is 1.67 kb.

There are no published data of other workers in SMACCR, so that the derived formula cannot be applied to results of an independent laboratory. However, differences in estimations of pressure can be shown by calculating pressures by the methods of published barometers based on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene. Harley (1981) and Harley & Green (1982) neglect Cr in both orthopyroxene and garnet, so that the " $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$ " used is equal to  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{total}}/2$ . This is an incorrect formulation in the light of crystallographic studies (Burns, 1970, 1975) and approaches reality only for very low Cr contents. Accordingly Harley (1981) recommends the

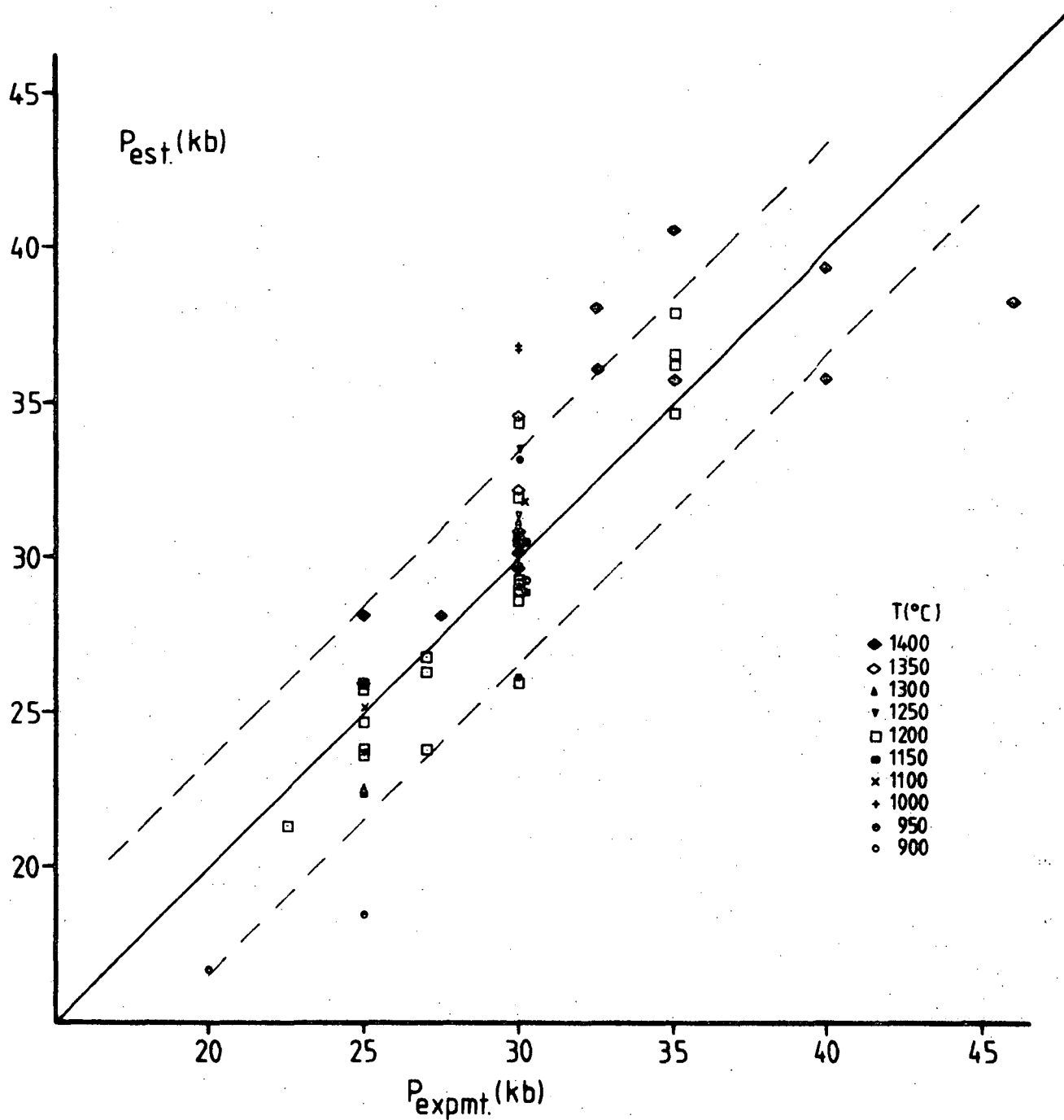


Figure 37: Comparison of pressures estimates via equation (56) and nominal run pressures for data in SMACCR. Dashed lines enclose a  $\pm 3.5$  kb interval.

use of his formulation only for assemblages, where garnet has a content of less than 2 wt.%  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ . None of the experimental data (and very few of the available data for natural garnet lherzolites) comply with that condition, so that the barometer should strictly not be applied to experiments and garnet lherzolites from inclusions in kimberlites. The diagram in fig. 38 is only drawn to show the effect of total neglect of Cr, even where present in large amounts. Systematic and partly very large under-estimations result in applying Harley & Green's (1982) equation.

Wood (1974) recognized the necessity of incorporation of an  $(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2$  term in the  $K_D(B)$ , where a substantial amount of Cr is present. Wood & Banno (1973) placed Cr also entirely into the M1 site. However no correction for non-idealities due to Cr and reciprocal interactions were made. The result is shown in fig. 38b. Again a systematic and partly large under-estimation of pressures is given. This is seen as evidence for the necessity to consider the demonstrated effects of Cr in barometric formulations.

It may be noted that a "mixed" approach utilizing Harley & Green's (1982) or Wood's (1974) equations reproduces the experimental pressures better: If  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  is calculated as in the present study and hence Cr is taken into account for orthopyroxene, but Cr is neglected in garnet [no  $(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2$  term in the  $K_D(B)$ ], a better agreement with nominal run pressures is obtained. The changes thereby introduced in the size of the  $K_D(B)$  tend to cancel against the interaction terms. Approaches of this type are, even though they give better results, principally incorrect formulations. The equation derived in this study is thus seen as a step further towards modelling physical realities although it remains semi-empirical.

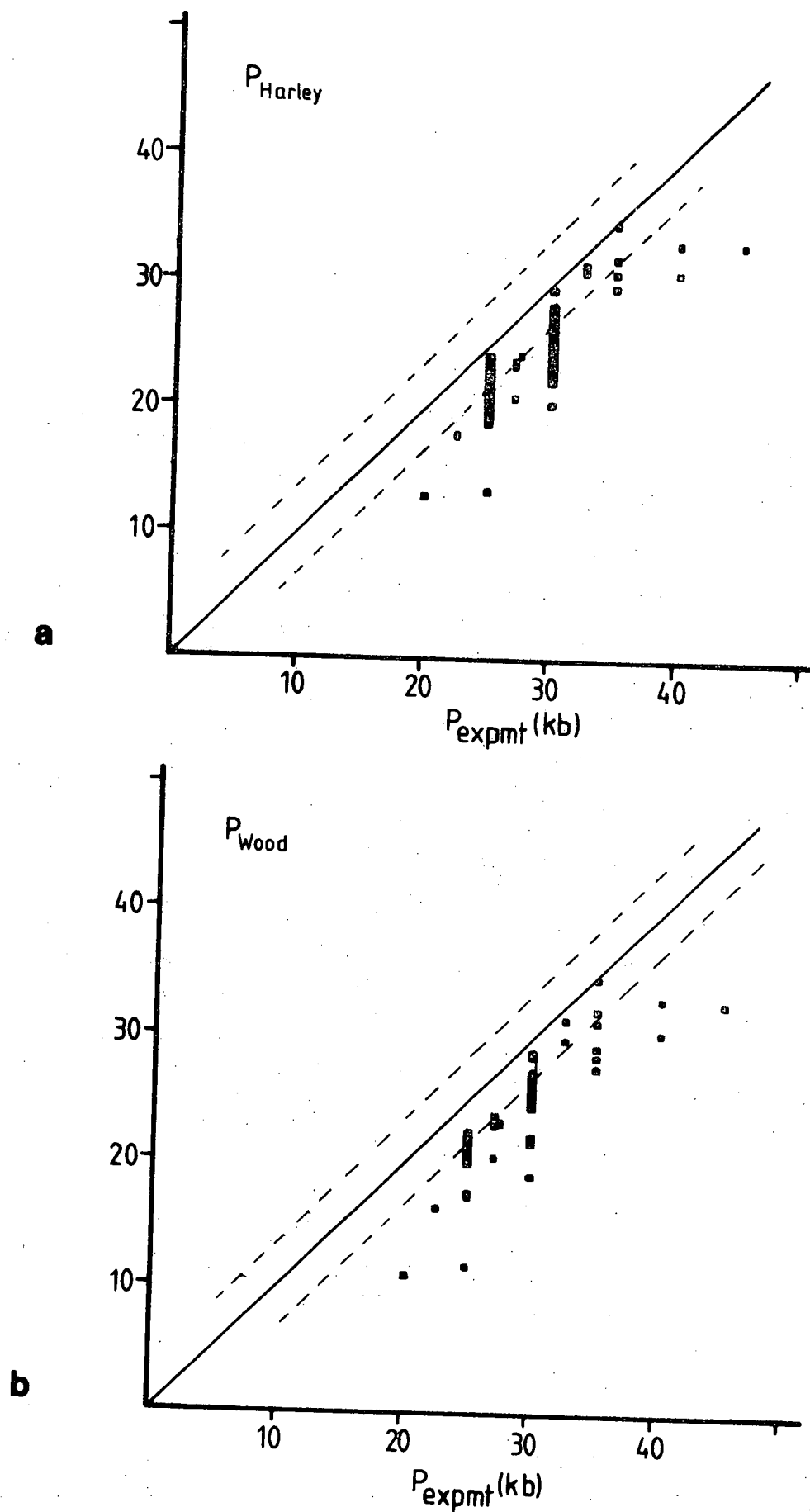
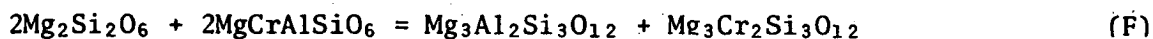


Figure 38: Pressure estimates for SMACCR data applying the barometers of Wood (1974, eq. 12) and Harley (1981) (the latter is identical to Harley & Green, 1982). Dashed lines are  $\pm 3.5$  kb from nominal run pressures.



# 28. GEOBAROMETRY BASED ON THE SOLUBILITY OF $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ IN ORTHOPYROXENE

The discrimination of  $\text{Cr}^{+++}$  against tetrahedral site occupancy (cf. section 25.1) necessitates a more complex formulation of a reaction relating garnet and orthopyroxene relative to the reaction of the previous chapter. The reaction is



enstatite      Mg-Cr-tsch.      pyrope      knorringite

and the activities of the phases are expressed as

$$a_{\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6} = X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} \gamma_{\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6} \quad (57)$$

$$a_{\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6} = X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} \gamma_{\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6} \quad (58)$$

$$a_{\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}} = (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \gamma_{\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}} \quad (59)$$

$$a_{\text{Mg}_3\text{Cr}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}} = (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \gamma_{\text{Mg}_3\text{Cr}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}} \quad (60)$$

The K of reaction (F) has therefore the form

$$K(\text{F}) = \frac{a_{\text{pyrope}} a_{\text{knorringite}}}{(a_{\text{enst.}})^2 (a_{\text{MgCrTs}})^2} \quad (61)$$

and the K is therefore

$$K(\text{F}) = \frac{(X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \gamma_{\text{py}} (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \gamma_{\text{kn}}}{(X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}})^2 (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 (\gamma_{\text{en}})^2 (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}})^2 (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 (\gamma_{\text{MgCrTs}})^2} \quad (62)$$

which becomes for the case of ideal mixing

$$K(\text{F}) = K_D(\text{F}) = \left( \frac{(X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}}) (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})}{X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}} \right)^2 \quad (63)$$

A plot of  $\ln K_D(F)$  vs. pressure is shown in fig. 39. Three features are apparent:

- a)  $K_D(F)$  is sensitive to pressure,
- b) the spread is partly due to differences in temperature but also due to differences in bulk composition, and
- c) the runs at 1400°C and 40 and 45 kb are inconsistent with the others.

The good sensitivity to pressure shows the potential of the reaction for geobarometry. Differing bulk compositions cause different solubility limits of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in both orthopyroxene and garnet. Therefore it is not possible to use  $x_{\text{Cr}}$  isopleths as pressure indicators, because the composition of the coexisting garnet would have to be specified. The positive correlation of  $x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}$  with  $x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{opx}}$  has a limited tendency to cancel in the  $K_D(F)$  (because a decrease in  $x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}$  will make  $K_D(F)$  smaller while a simultaneous decrease in  $x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{opx}}$  will make it larger). The mixing is non-ideal and appropriate terms have to be used in barometric expressions.

The inconsistency of the runs at 45 kb was discussed in the previous section and doubts of this run as not having reached nominal pressure conditions are reinforced. The inconsistency of the 40 kb experiments are however not well understood. The orthopyroxene analyses may have been contaminated by spinel inclusions, which would account for too high values for both Al and Cr (and indeed a lower value in Al would be more consistent with the Al barometer), but the structural formula shows no evidence for this. The problem thus remains and has to be kept in mind when applying the barometer to pressures greater than 35 kb.

The non-idealities in the mixing behaviour of the phases is modelled following the methods employed in the previous chapters. Thus orthopyroxene is modelled to be a ternary regular solution between Mg, Al and Cr on the M1 site neglecting the non-ideal Ca contribution. Garnets are regarded as two binary regular solutions plus reciprocal interaction. Therefore the expressions become

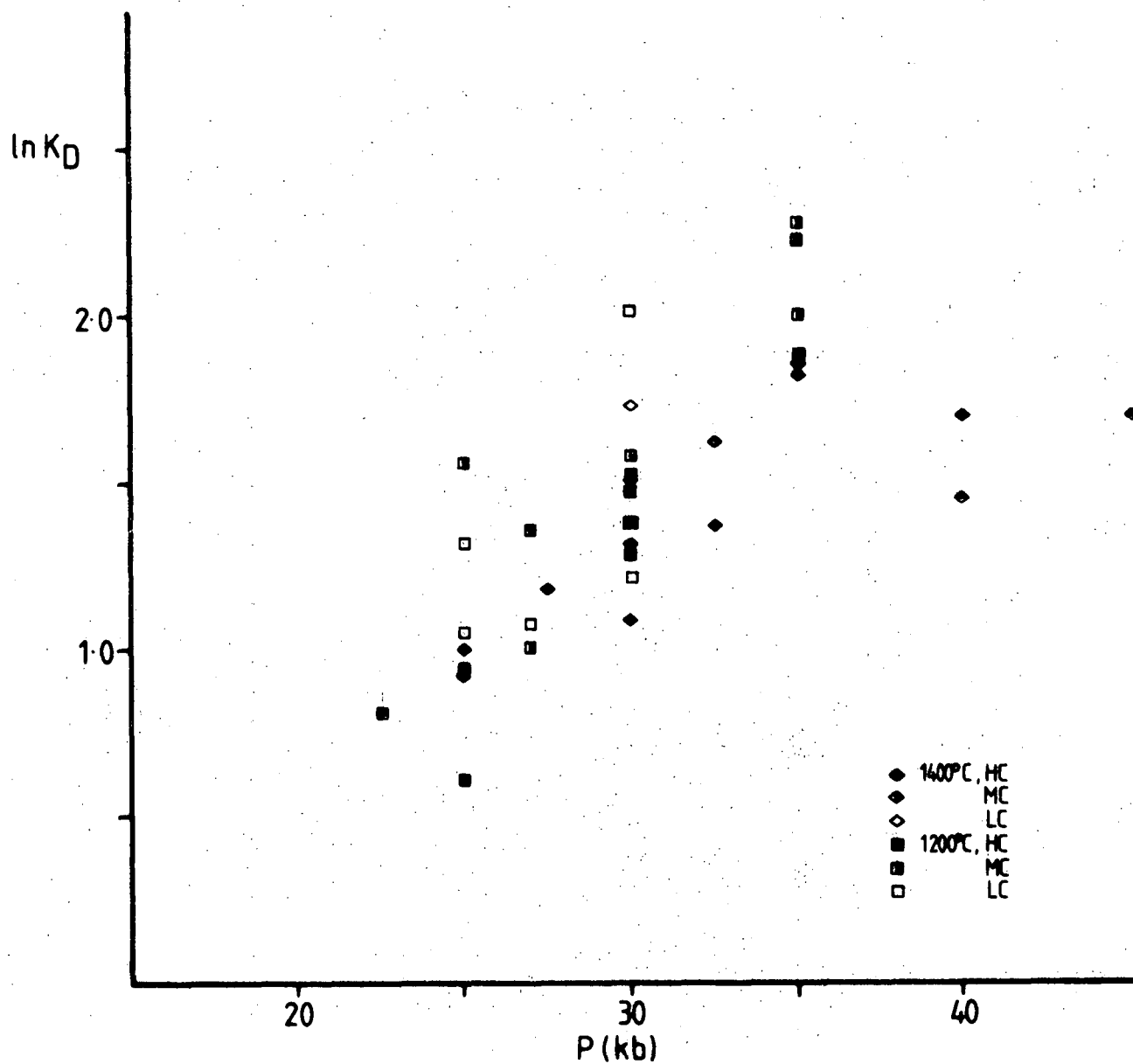


Figure 39: Plot of  $\ln K_D(F)$  vs.  $P$  for experiments in SMACCR at 1400° and 1200°C. Symbols represent different temperatures and bulk compositions. HC = 30, MC = 20, LC = 9.5 of 100Cr/Cr+Al of the bulk composition.

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} = (X_{Al}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{MgCr} - W_{CrAl}) \quad (64)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgCrTs} = (X_{Mg}^{M1})^2 W_{MgCr} + (X_{Al}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} (W_{MgCr} + W_{CrAl} - W_{MgAl}) \quad (65)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{py} = 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} (dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec}) \quad (66)$$

$$Rt \ln \gamma_{kn} = 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 2(X_{Al}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Al}^{gt} (dH_{rec} - TdS_{rec}) \quad (67)$$

The molar volume of  $MgCrAlSiO_6$  is unknown. This poses a serious problem for the development of a geobarometer based on the solubility of  $Cr_2O_3$  in orthopyroxenes. Assumptions can only be made by analogy with known relations and empirical modelling. The octahedral ionic radius of  $Cr^{+++}$  (Shannon & Prewitt, 1969) is greater than that of  $Al^{+++}$ . This results in a greater molar volume of knorringite (Irfune *et al.*, 1982; Ringwood, 1977) relative to pyrope, even though knorringite is denser. By analogy it is envisaged that  $MgCrAlSiO_6$  has a greater molar volume than  $MgAl_2SiO_6$ . The difference in molar volumes between products and reactants of reaction (F) is therefore expected to be roughly twice the molar volume difference of reaction (B), because two moles of garnet and four moles of pyroxene are involved. Mixing between enstatite and Mg-tschermarks has an excess volume and it may be envisaged that this is true for the mixing of enstatite and Mg-Cr-tschermarks as well. Whether this excess is positive or negative and of what size is impossible to say due to the lack of X-ray studies. The method adopted here to circumvent this problem is similar to the approach of Wood & Banno (1973). If non-ideal mixing of MgAl can be taken into account by formulating  $dV_r(B) = a + b(X_{Al}^{M1}) (1 - X_{Al}^{M1})$  (Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982) an analog of this is to formulate  $dV_r(F) = a + b(X_{Cr}^{M1}) (1 - X_{Cr}^{M1})$  for the reaction (F). The  $W_{MgAl}$  and  $W_{MgCr}$  are then treated as being 0. It must be emphasized that this is only a very crude analogy, because the  $dV_r$  formulation of Harley (1981) and Wood & Banno (1973) were based on actual volume measurements, while the assumptions here are not constrained. The validity of the method employed

may be judged by the closeness of the derived values for  $dV_r(F)$  to those predicted from the analogy (i.e.  $dV_r(f) = \text{approx. } 2 dV_r(b)$ ).

Under those assumptions the expressions for non-idealities in orthopyroxene are simplified to

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{opx}'} = RT \ln \gamma_{\text{en}} + RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgTs}} =$$

$$[(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{Ml}})^2 + (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{Ml}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{Ml}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{Ml}} - X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{Ml}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{Ml}}] W_{\text{CrAl}} \quad (68)$$

and those for garnet remain

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{gt}'s} = RT \ln \gamma_{\text{py}} + RT \ln \gamma_{\text{kn}} =$$

$$6(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + [2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 + 2(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2] W_{\text{CrAl}}$$

$$+ (X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}} + X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}}) (dH_{\text{rec}} - TdS_{\text{rec}}) \quad (69)$$

Because

$$dG_{1,T} = dH - TdS + PdV = -RT \ln K_D \quad (70)$$

we can now formulate for reaction (F)

$$P = \frac{1}{[a + b(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{Ml}})(1 - X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{Ml}})]} [-(RT \ln K_D + RT \ln \gamma_{\text{gt}'s} - 2RT \ln \gamma_{\text{opx}'})$$

$$- dH + TdS] \quad (71)$$

and solve for the parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $dH$ , and  $dS$  by means of multiple regression.

The best fit yielded values of  $dH = -17716$  cal,  $dS = -10.51$  e.u.,

$a = -392.1$  and  $b = 1346$ . The barometer therefore has on substituting

values derived here and previously the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 P = & \frac{1}{[-392.1 + 1346(X_{Cr}^{M1})(1 - X_{Cr}^{M1})]} \left\{ - \left( RT \ln \frac{(X_{Mg}^{gt})^3 (X_{Al}^{gt})(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2}{(X_{Mg}^{M1})(X_{Mg}^{M2})^2 (X_{Cr}^{M1})} \right)^2 \right. \\
 & + 18000(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 + (90853 - 52.1T)X_{Ca}^{gt} \\
 & + 6800[(X_{Al}^{gt})(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 + X_{Al}^{M1}X_{Cr}^{M1} - (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 - (X_{Al}^{M1})^2 - X_{Mg}^{M1}X_{Al}^{M1}] \\
 & \left. + 17716 - 10.51T \right\} \quad (72)
 \end{aligned}$$

The expression for the reciprocal interaction is simplified to

$dG_{rec}(E) X_{Ca}^{gt}$ , because in the system SMACCR (as for natural garnets without  $Fe^{+++}$ )  $X_{Al}^{gt} = 1 - X_{Cr}^{gt}$  and so  $(X_{Ca}^{gt}X_{Cr}^{gt} + X_{Ca}^{gt}X_{Al}^{gt}) = X_{Ca}^{gt}$ .

The size of  $dV_r$  for reaction (F) ranges between about -12 and -16  $cm^3$  depending on the composition of the pyroxene. For reaction (B) the volume difference varies between approx. -8 and -9  $cm^3$ . The magnitude of the derived  $dV_r(F)$  is thus in marginal agreement with the prediction from the analogy.

The application of equation (72) to the experimental data is shown in fig. 40. The agreement is generally very good with the exceptions of the runs at 40 and 45 kb, previously discussed. The misfit of the runs at 1100°C and one at 950°C is not unexpected in the light of the discussion in chapter 26. Excluding the 45 kb run and those at 1100°C, the mean deviation of the predicted value from the nominal run pressure is 1.8 kb.

It must be emphasized that because of the nature of the assumptions made the barometer is basically empirical and derived by curve-fitting.

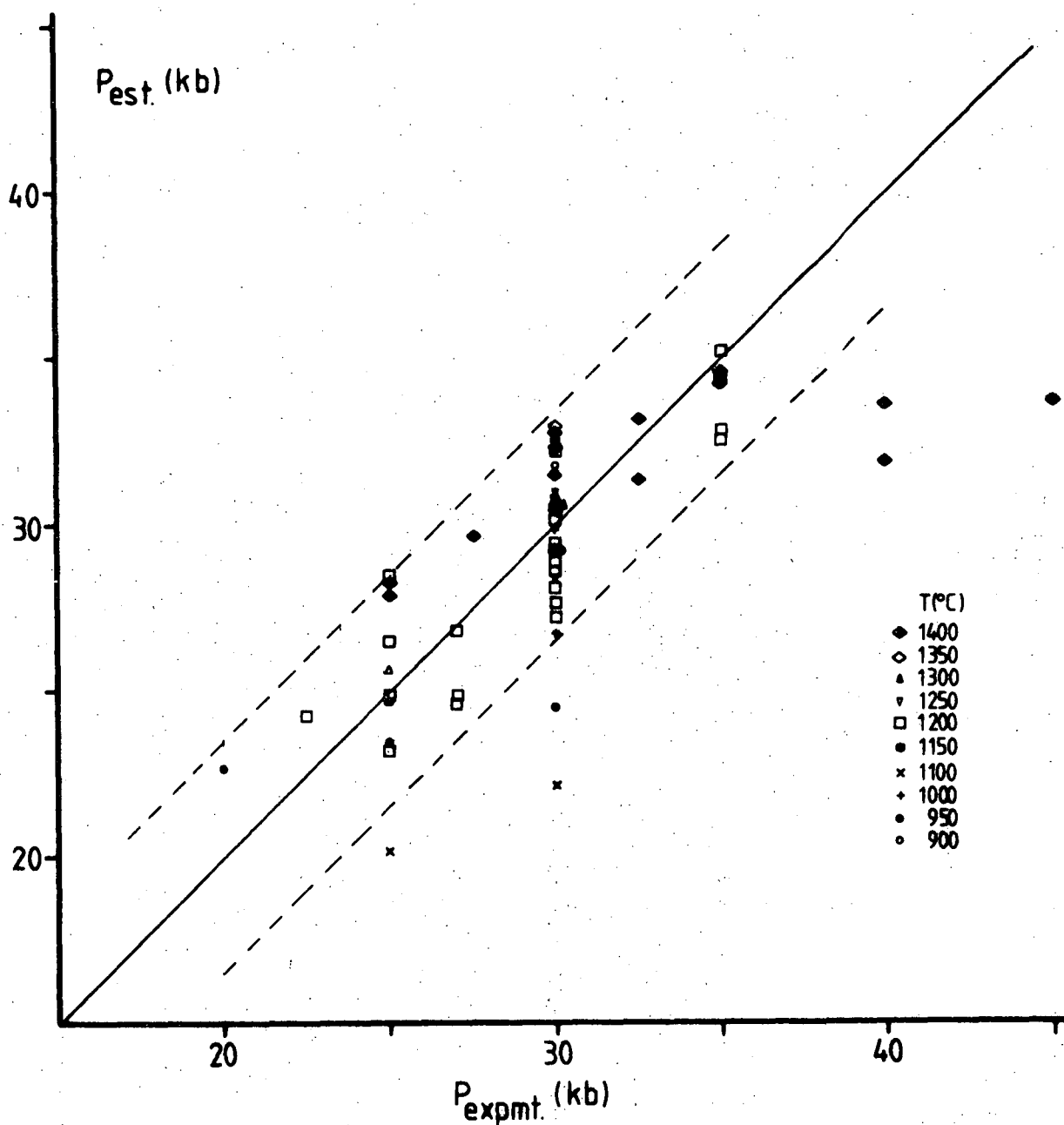


Figure 40: Comparison of pressures estimated via equation (72) and nominal run pressures for experiments in SMACCR. Dashed lines enclose a  $\pm 3.5 \text{ kb}$  interval relative to ideal agreement (solid line).

## PART IV

STUDY IN MULTICOMPONENT ("NATURAL") SYSTEMS AND APPLICATION  
OF GEOBAROMETERS TO Fe-BEARING SYSTEMS AND NATURAL GARNET LHERZOLITES.

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## 29. INTRODUCTION

Any model for extension of data from simple to more complex systems requires the validation of the model by experimental study of the more complex systems. The main difference between the mineral chemistry of natural garnet peridotites and the system SMACCR is the existence of Fe as a major component of the coexisting phases. The application of the barometers derived for the SMACCR system to natural rocks requires thus a model for the effect of Fe on the equilibria. This is done by applying correction factors mainly derived by Harley (1981). Up to this time the experimental data for Fe-bearing systems have been interpreted by an empirical formulation of the influence of Fe on phase equilibria (Wood & Banno, 1973; Wood, 1974; Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982). This study adopts those empirical factors and thus remains empirical and does not provide a strict thermodynamic model.

Experiments have been carried out at conditions where the Al and Cr contents of the minerals of interest were high enough to ensure the analytical data to be significant relative to the error of analysis, and also close to conditions estimated for natural garnet lherzolite xenoliths. The starting materials were based on the composition of a natural lherzolite (Tinaquillo peridotite - 40% olivine, Jaques & Green, 1980). Cr/Cr+Al ratios were chosen to be comparable with fertile and moderately depleted mantle compositions.

The P-T estimates for crystallization conditions of garnet lherzolite xenoliths from kimberlite have been discussed in the literature since Boyd (1973) interpreted them as outlining a mantle geotherm. Extensive discussion exists in the literature on the validity of such geotherms and the meaning of the P-T estimates (Irving, 1976; Harte, 1978; Gurney & Harte, 1980; Thompson & Harley, 1982). The new estimates for some suites of xenoliths are presented and discussed.

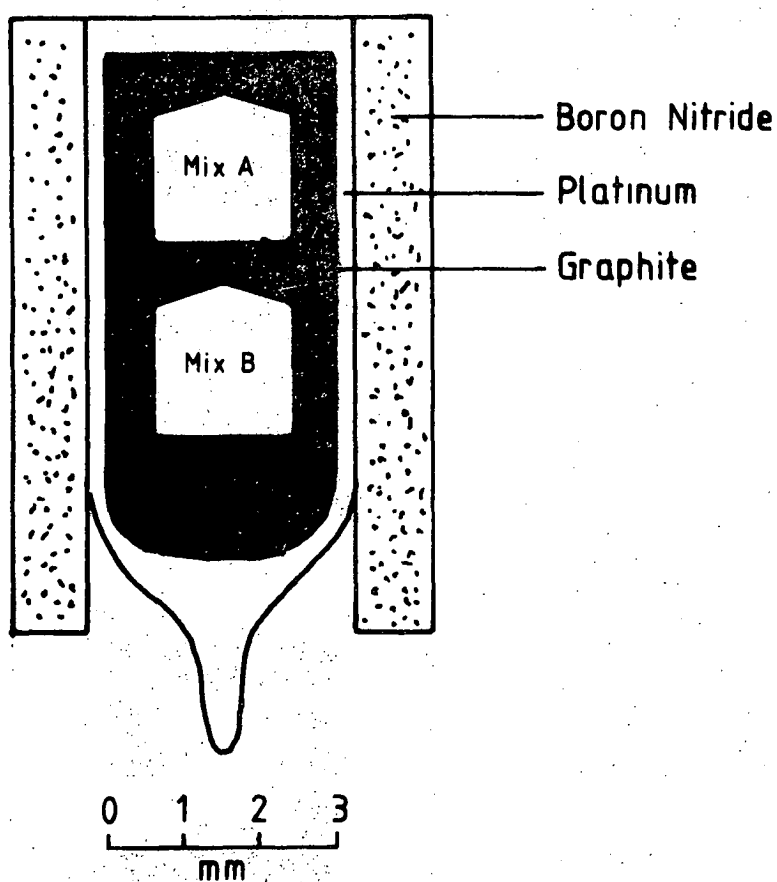
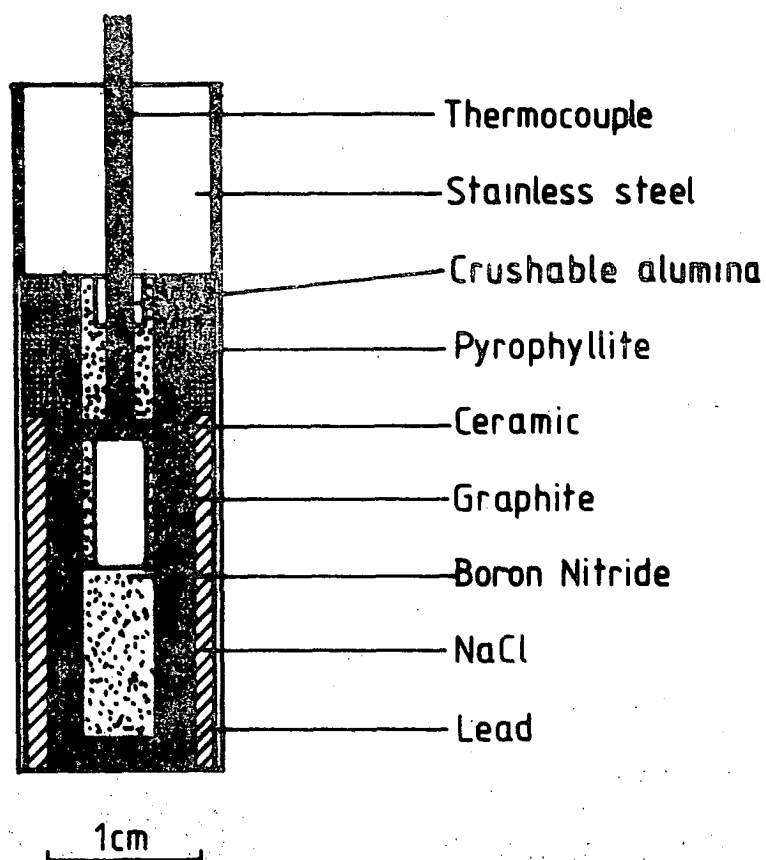
### 30. EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

Experimental techniques used in this study are similar to those described before (chapters 10 and 15) for runs at or below 1200°C. NaCl or pyrex-NaCl high pressure cells contained 2-sample capsules made from Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> or Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub>. The two mixes were separated by a metal disc of the same material. Iron loss to the silver-palladium capsule was experienced in the runs at 1100° and 1200°C, while this effect seems to be small in the 1000°C run. To prevent more Fe loss in runs at higher temperatures, a different assemblage was used (fig. 41a). The capsule consisted of inner graphite capsules and an outer platinum capsule. The inner container was made by stacking two individual graphite cylinders, each containing a different mix, on top of each other. A dome-shaped graphite was placed on top to seal the second mixture against the platinum (fig. 41b). The platinum capsule was then sealed by welding.

As for SMACCR, no friction correction was applied in cells using NaCl assemblages.

In a run at 1400°C and 45 kb, lead intruded into cracks in the core of the pressure vessel, resulting in continuous extrusion of the core. Accordingly the nominal run pressure had to be monitored and adjusted continuously and unlike runs at lower pressure, this experiment did not attain the normal extremely stable pressure-temperature setting characteristic of the apparatus using NaCl pressure cells.

Figure 41: (top) cross section of high pressure cell used in experiments with TP-40 and TP-40C starting material.  
(bottom) sample capsule and surrounding used in these experiments.  
Note that the graphite part consists of three sections (two mixture containers and a dome-shaped lid), which are stacked inside the Pt capsule.



31. STARTING MATERIAL

The peridotite mix was prepared by C. Hatton in this Department in the manner described by Jaques & Green (1980). The composition of mix TP-40 is that of Tinaquillo peridotite minus 40% olivine, to which 1.6%  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  was added for mix TP-40C (table 14).

Because the mixture was exposed to laboratory atmosphere for some time, the  $\text{Fe}^{++}/\text{Fe}^{+++}$  ratio is not as mixed, but contains a higher relative amount of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$ . However, under the conditions of the runs most of the  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  is reduced again to  $\text{Fe}^{++}$ . No evidence for large amounts of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  was found in any of the analyses of minerals produced in the runs. Calculation of spinel stoichiometry confirms the reduced nature of the charges, whether in graphite or AgPd capsules.

Table 14: Starting materials for experiments in multicomponent systems.

	TP-40	TP-40C
$\text{SiO}_2$	47.51	46.76
$\text{TiO}_2$	0.13	0.13
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	5.35	5.27
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$	0.75	2.31
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.15	0.15
$\text{FeO}$	7.38	7.26
$\text{MnO}$	0.18	0.18
$\text{MgO}$	32.80	32.28
$\text{CaO}$	4.97	4.89
$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	0.30	0.30
$\text{K}_2\text{O}$	0.03	0.03
$\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$	0.02	0.02
$\text{NiO}$	0.43	0.42
$\text{Mg}'$	88.8	88.8
$\text{Cr}'$	8.6	22.7

$$\text{Mg}' = 100(\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{++})$$

$$\text{Cr}' = 100(\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al})$$

32. RUN PRODUCTS - TINAQUILLO PERIDOTITE

Analyses of run products are listed in appendix 6. The textures of the run products are similar to those described previously. Melting occurred in runs at 1100°, 1200° and possibly to a very small degree at 1300°C. Due to the small amount of melt and quenching problems of silicate melts the compositions of the melt could not be established. Melting was insufficient to eliminate garnet, clinopyroxene or spinel from the assemblage.

Garnet is poikilitic with numerous inclusions of other phases (fig. 42a), which makes it difficult to obtain good analyses for garnet. Nevertheless a chemical zoning pattern could be established in the run at 1000°C, which showed an increase of Cr in garnet towards the rim, accompanied by a decrease in Al (fig. 42b,c). It was possible to obtain good analyses for cores of garnets and analyses with only minor contamination near rims of the same garnet, showing both the zonation in Cr and Al and that there is no significant amount of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  present (table 15). No evidence for chemical zoning in  $\text{Ca}/\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}$  or  $\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}$  was found.

The best obtainable rim analyses of garnet were then taken as the closest approach to equilibrium and the mean of these is listed as "gt (max)" in appendix 6. It should be stressed that this value is a minimum for Cr in garnet, because the zoning pattern is continuous and no good analyses from the very edge could be obtained; in those analyses it is impossible to distinguish contamination from zonation.

In runs above 1000°C, a spread in  $\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al}$  in garnet analyses was found, which decreased with increasing temperature. The spread is interpreted as being due to some compositional zoning and accordingly the analyses showing the highest  $\text{Cr}/\text{Cr}+\text{Al}$  ratio have been taken as the closest approach to equilibrium compositions.

Figure 42: Three pictures of run T-1148 (1000°C, 35 kb, mixture TP-40C), showing the same area. The large garnet grain in the central part of the pictures has a maximum diameter of about 12  $\mu\text{m}$ . Top: secondary electron image showing differing mean atomic numbers as different shades of grey, lighter colours indicating higher mean atomic numbers. Edges of garnets appear lighter because of increased Cr content. Middle and bottom: X-ray distribution maps for Al and Cr respectively. The large garnet (outlined) shows clear chemical zonation with Al decreasing towards the rim and an accompanying increase in Cr.

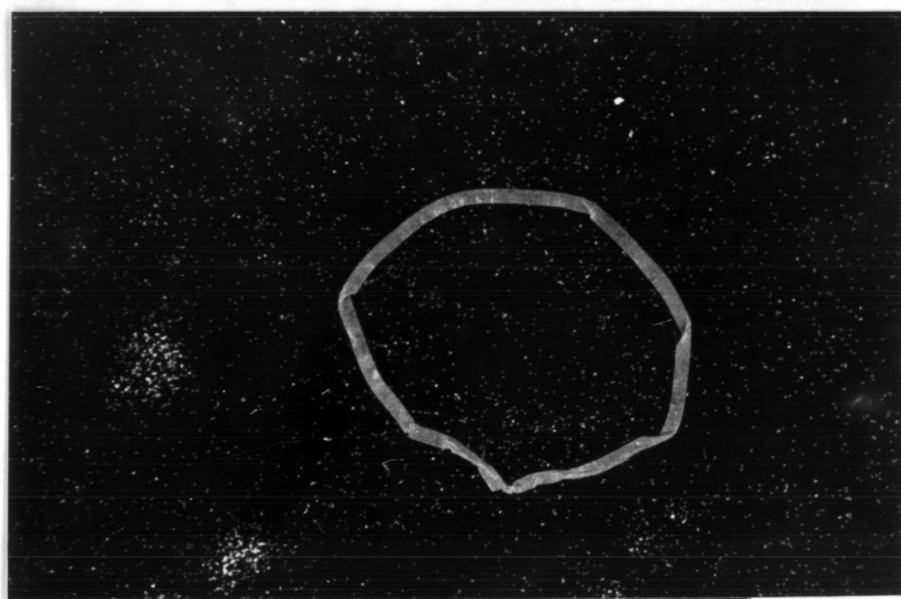
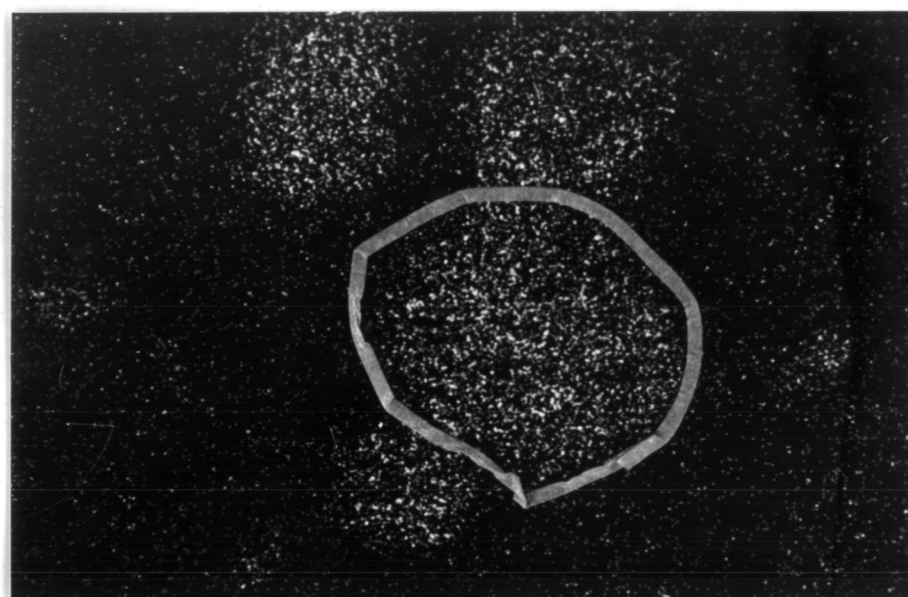
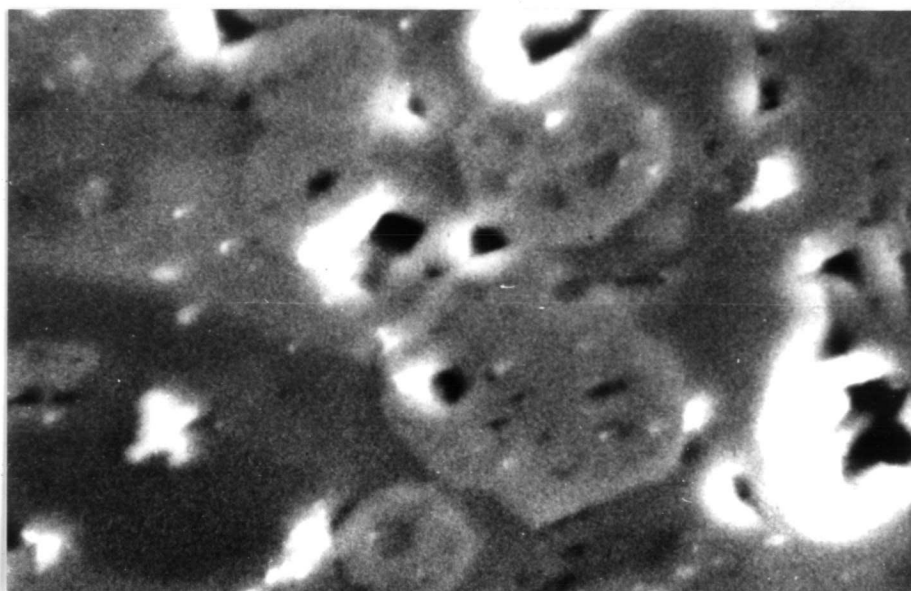




Table 15: Analyses of zoned garnet in run  
T-1148 (1000°C, 35 kb), mix  
TP-40C. Normalised to 100%.

	core		rim	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	19.02	2.021	19.33	2.083
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.82	1.917	19.43	1.655
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.26	3.013	41.93	3.030
CaO	6.00	0.458	6.17	0.478
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.20	0.011		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.76	0.043	4.01	0.229
FeO	8.56	0.510	8.77	0.530
MnO	0.38	0.023	0.35	0.022
Total		7.996		8.027
Ca/Ca+Mg		0.1532		0.1546
Mg/Mg+Fe		0.7985		0.7912
Cr/Cr+Al		0.0219		0.1215

Pyroxenes and olivines were found to be homogeneous. In runs performed at 1100° and 1200°C Fe loss occurred. Differences in Fe loss rate of different minerals (Jaques & Green, 1979; Ellis & Harris, pers. comm.) prevented the evaluation of geothermometers based on Fe-Mg exchange, but the loss is small enough to allow the use of the data to evaluate the barometers and thermometers based on other reactions.

Spinel is present in runs with the starting mixture TP-40C (high Cr/Cr+al ratio). With the exception of a run at 1400°C and 45 kb, spinels are generally very small and no zonation within the accuracy limits of the analyses was detected. In runs at 1400°C patches of intergrowths of spinel and garnet were found. The spinel of this intergrowth is not identical to the spinel outside those patches. It is a highly aluminous and highly magnesian spinel. Discrete grains of this spinel could not be found and in the run at 45 kb no good garnet analyses were obtained either. Fig. 43 shows the chemical composition of the intergrowth for the 45 kb run in an (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)-FeO-MgO plot (mol %). The data points constitute a tie-line between projected garnet and Al-rich spinel. The Cr-rich spinel, which occurs as distinct, partly large but anhedral grains is zoned in Al

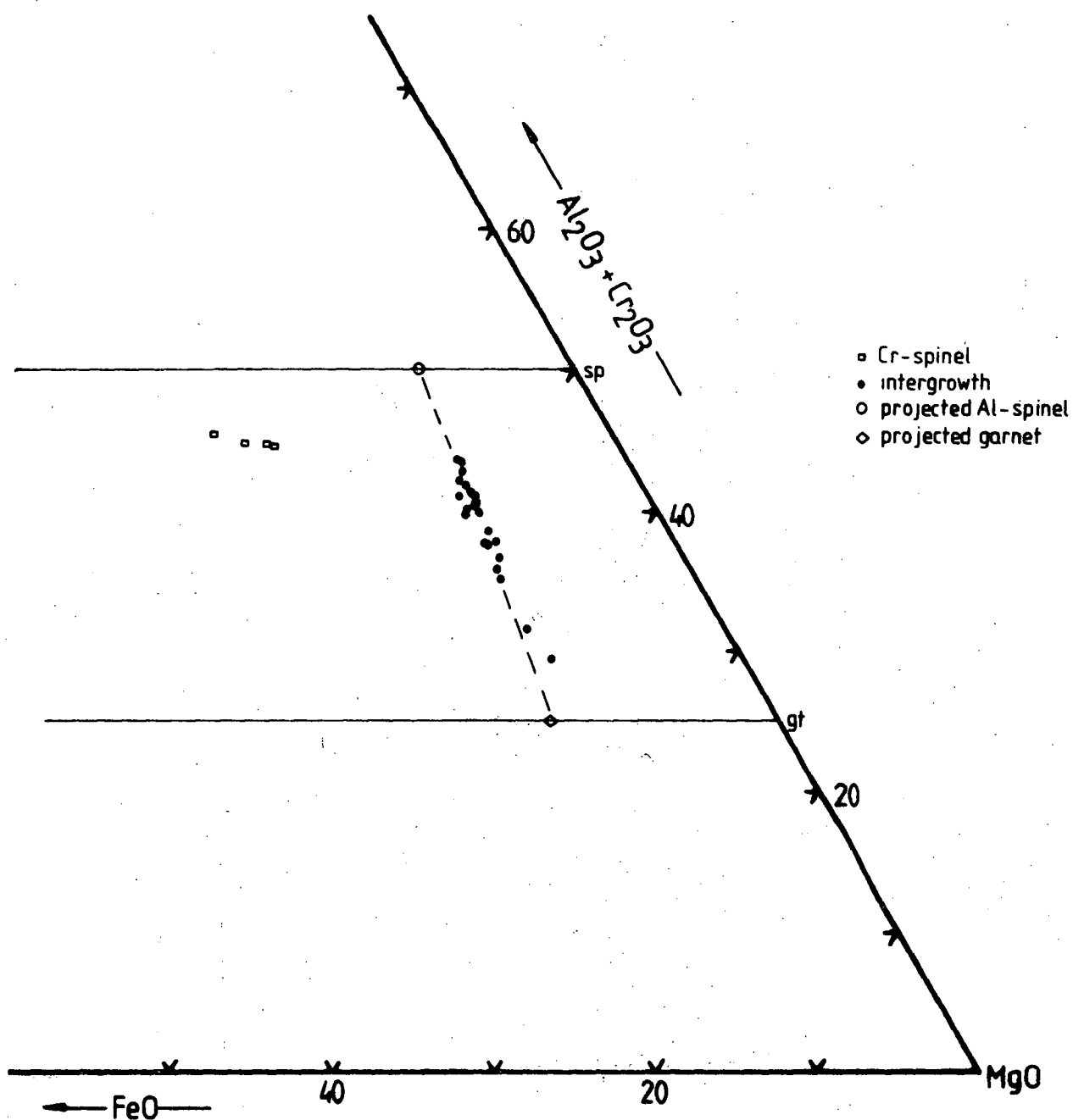


Figure 43: Analyses of (Al)-spinel-garnet intergrowth in a molar  $(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3)$ -FeO-MgO plot compared to analyses of discrete spinels. Chemical variation of the intergrowth analyses constitutes a tie line between projection points of the respective endmembers.

(Cr/Cr+Al 80-60 from core to rim) and analyses show high levels of contamination by other phases. The appearance of the intergrowth and zonation is not understood, possibly the run time was insufficient to reach equilibrium. The run at 1400°C and 45 kb has therefore been discarded from the data set. The run at 1400°C and 35 kb has been included in the data set because good garnet analyses were obtained and Cr spinels did not show evidence for zonation.

### 33. SITE DISTRIBUTIONS IN NATURAL PYROXENES AND GARNETS

In natural systems a great variety of possible pyroxene endmembers exists because a number of minor elements are accommodated in the structure of pyroxenes. This complexity is commonly treated by making assumptions such as  $(\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{mineral}} = (\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{site}}$  or the restriction of  $\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}$  to the M1 site. These assumptions are to some extent incorrect in the light of crystallographic studies (Fleet, 1974; Ganguly & Ghose, 1979; Sack, 1980). However the complexities inferred in the latter studies cannot be resolved by the experimental methods employed in this study. As emphasized previously, it is possible to derive empirical relationships which are of use in practical thermometry and barometry. Thus even where some assumptions do not adequately incorporate all information on site occupancy, this does not render a geobarometer or geothermometer inaccurate, because a number of complexities can be encompassed by the empirical, experimentally determined factors. Such empirical factors and the P-T equations based on them remain empirical and without theoretical basis and should not be extrapolated far beyond the experimentally calibrated P-T-X range.

The formulation of site distributions in complex pyroxenes follows mainly that of Wood & Banno (1973) and hence we have as endmembers

site				
M2	M1	B	A	Oxygen
(Mg,Fe,Mn)	(Mg,Fe,Mn)	Si	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
(Mg,Fe,Mn)	Al	Al	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
(Mg,Fe,Mn)	Cr	Al	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
Ca	(Mg,Fe,Mn)	Si	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
Na	Ti	Al	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
Na	Cr	Si	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
Na	Al	Si	Si	O <sub>6</sub>
(Mg,Fe,Mn)	Ti	Al	Al	O <sub>6</sub>

The assumption  $(\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{opx}} = (\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{M1,M2}}$  (Wood & Banno, 1973) is here extended to include Mn, which can be a minor component in natural orthopyroxenes from garnet lherzolite. Fe denotes in each case  $\text{Fe}^{++}$ . There is no evidence for the presence of large quantities of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  in natural orthopyroxenes from lherzolites and therefore  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  is neglected here. It must be emphasized that this treatment is not valid for those crustal rocks in which  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  is significant and the molecules  $\text{MgFe}^{+++}\text{AlSiO}_6$  or  $\text{NaFe}^{+++}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$  must be considered.

The calculation scheme for site distributions in natural orthopyroxenes from lherzolites involves the following steps: Ti is first allocated to Na to form  $\text{NaTiAlSiO}_6$ , or, where there is insufficient Na, to form  $(\text{Mg,Fe,Mn})\text{TiAl}_2\text{O}_6$ . Any excess Na is then taken to form ureyite ( $\text{NaCrSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) followed by jadite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ). Where Na is insufficient to take into account all of the Cr this is expressed as Mr-Cr-tschermaks type molecule  $[(\text{Mg,Fe,Mn})\text{CrAlSiO}_6]$  and the remaining Al is expressed as Al-tschermaks type molecule  $[(\text{Mg,Fe,Mn})\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_6]$ . Ca in orthopyroxene is calculated only as the molecule  $\text{Ca}(\text{Mg,Fe,Mn})\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$ .

From this formulation it follows that  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} = (\text{Al}-\text{Cr}-2\text{Ti}+\text{Na})/2$  is equivalent to  $X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} = \text{Al}-(2-\text{Si})$ . This is true only if the sum of cations on the basis of 6(O) per formula unit of the pyroxene is exactly 4.000, in all other cases the two expressions yield different results. In the

energy dispersive X-ray spectrum of minerals being analysed by electron microprobe, the size and location of the Si peak may lead to errors in Si analysis and thus in the calculation of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  as  $Al-(2-Si)$ . If small amounts of Al are present in orthopyroxene, as is the case for most garnet lherzolite nodules, the differences in calculation of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  are significant and many published analyses of orthopyroxenes yield negative values of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$ , when calculated as  $Al-(2-Si)$ . Thus the first expression is adopted and the site distribution for the elements are calculated as follows:

$$X_{Al}^{M1} = (Al - Cr - 2Ti + Na) / 2$$

$$X_{Mg}^{M1} = (1 - X_{Al}^{M1} - Cr - Ti) (Mg / (Mg + Fe + Mn))$$

$$X_{Mg}^{M2} = (1 - Ca - Na) (Mg / (Mg + Fe + Mn))$$

$$X_{Fe}^{M1} = (1 - X_{Al}^{M1} - Cr - Ti) (Fe / (Mg + Fe + Mn))$$

$$X_{Mg, Fe, Mn}^{M1} = X_{MF}^{M1} = (1 - X_{Al}^{M1} - Cr - Ti) = X_{Mg}^{M1} / (Mg / (Mg + Fe + Mn))$$

$$X_{Mg, Fe, Mn}^{M2} = X_{MF}^{M2} = (1 - Ca - Na) = X_{Mg}^{M2} / (Mg / (Mg + Fe + Mn))$$

Clinopyroxenes are similarly calculated but with the difference that Ti, Cr and Al excess over Na is calculated into the appropriate Ca endmember, i.e.  $CaTiAl_2O_6$ ,  $CaCrAlSiO_6$  and  $CaAl_2SiO_6$ .

Natural garnets from garnet lherzolites have the main endmembers  $Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}$  (pyrope),  $Mg_3Cr_2Si_3O_{12}$  (knorringite),  $Ca_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}$  (grossular),  $Ca_3Cr_2Si_3O_{12}$  (uvarovite),  $Fe_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}$  (almandine), and potentially  $Fe_3Cr_2Si_3O_{12}$ . Additional minor elements are Mn, Ti and  $Fe^{+++}$ . The divalent Mn substitutes for Mg and  $Fe^{++}$ , while  $Fe^{+++}$  substitutes for Al and Cr. Theoretically, the possible Ti endmembers are  $(Ca, Mg, Fe, Mn) (Al, Fe, Fe^{+++}) (Si, Ti)_3O_{12}$  or  $(Ca, Mg, Fe, Mn)_2 Ti_2 Si_3 O_{12}$  or even  $[(Ca, Mg, Fe, Mn) (Al, Cr, Fe^{+++})] [Ti (Al, Cr, Fe^{+++})] Si_3 O_{12}$ . Analytical uncertainties for garnet data from both experiments and natural garnet lherzolites make it impossible to decide on the endmember, because Si in structural formulae of garnet ranges from below to above 3 (based on 12 oxygen). Most garnets do however

contain Ti only to a very limited extent (usually <0.5 wt.%) and Ti is thus neglected without introducing major uncertainties.

Analytical uncertainties also prevent an exact calculation of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  in garnet. Even where  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  can be determined, it is not clear whether this represents a primary feature of the garnet or is of secondary origin as most garnets in natural rocks have kelyphitic rims, suggesting late-stage alteration which may well influence the  $\text{Fe}^{++}/\text{Fe}^{+++}$  ratio. In view of the very limited amount of  $\text{Fe}^{+++}$  present in garnets from experiments all Fe is taken to be  $\text{Fe}^{++}$ .

Therefore site distributions are calculated as follows:

$$x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}} = \text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ca}$$

$$x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} = \text{Ca}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ca}$$

$$x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} = \text{Fe}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ca}$$

$$x_{\text{Mg,Fe,Mn}}^{\text{gt}} = x_{\text{MF}}^{\text{gt}} = 1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}$$

$$x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}} = \text{Al}/\text{Al}+\text{Cr}$$

$$x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}} = \text{Cr}/\text{Al}+\text{Cr}$$

34. Ca-Mg EXCHANGE BETWEEN PYROXENES

Barometry based on the solubility of either Al or Cr in orthopyroxene is very sensitive to temperature estimates. Hence it is necessary to have an estimate of the temperatures of natural rocks. It has been shown in both CMAS and SMACCR that temperature estimates by the method of Wells (1977) are reliable in the range from approx. 1050° to 1400°C. This is also true for those experiments performed at 35 kb,  $T = 1000\text{--}1300^\circ\text{C}$  with natural system starting materials (fig. 44). As discussed before and pointed out by Ehrenberg (1982) there is considerable doubt as to the reliability of this thermometer at low and very low temperatures and large under-estimations may result in the use of this thermometer below about 900°C.

There are also uncertainties with the temperature estimation by this method at high temperatures (at or exceeding 1400°C) combined with high pressures (exceeding about 35 kb), because of the possible pressure effect on the Ca-Mg exchange reaction (Lindsley *et al.*, 1981; Brey, 1982). At these conditions the Wells geothermometer may over-estimate temperatures by approx. 50°C (fig. 44). Most garnet lherzolites from inclusions in kimberlite however are well within the range of P-T conditions where the experiments show a good agreement between predicted and experimental temperature (figs. 19 and 44). In these data it is particularly noteworthy that there is apparently no difference between data from the Cr-poor and Cr-rich compositions.

In conclusion, the geothermometer of Wells (1977) may be used for the estimation of temperatures with considerable confidence for most natural garnet lherzolite nodules.

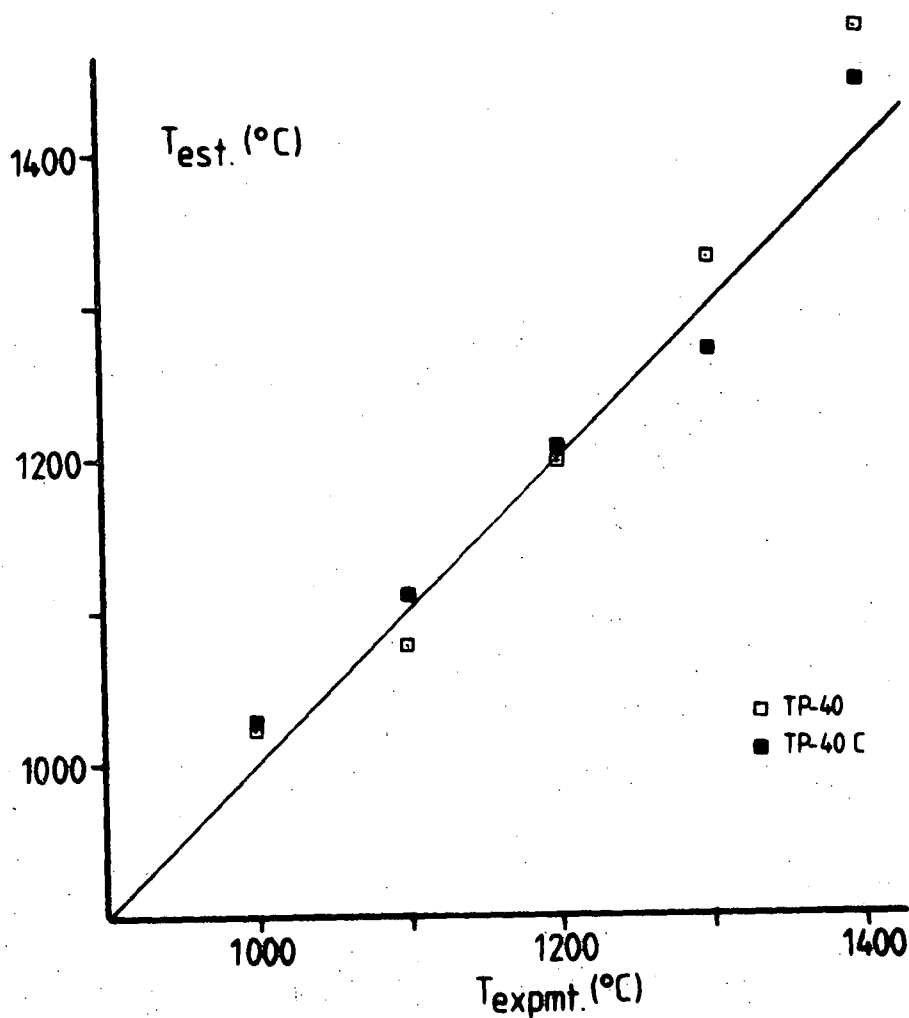


Figure 44: Temperature estimates by the method of Wells (1977) for experiments with TP-40 and TP-40C starting material at 35 kb compared to experimental conditions. The solid line is for perfect agreement between estimate and nominal temperature.



35. Cr-Al EXCHANGE BETWEEN SPINEL AND GARNET

In fig. 45 a plot of  $\ln(x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{sp}}/x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{sp}})^2$  [the  $K_D$  reaction (D)] vs.  $1/T$  is shown. It is apparent that the  $\ln K_D$  becomes very insensitive to temperatures even at levels of about 1300°C. The values of  $\ln K_D(D)$  are shifted towards lower values in experiments in the complex "natural" system starting material relative to the simple system (SMACCR). The two data sets produce  $\ln K_D$  vs.  $1/T$  curves of very similar character and in the light of these data it is inferred that spinel compositions of the simple system represent equilibrium, even at the lower temperatures, and are a reflection of an increasing insensitivity of the  $K_D(D)$  to temperature with decreasing temperature. In the simple system the segment between about 1200° and 1400°C can be approximated by a straight line and accordingly a thermometer for SMACCR was calibrated (section 25.3). For the TP-40 and TP-40C compositions also, it is possible to approximate the relationship between  $\ln K_D(D)$  and  $1/T$  by a straight line at least for segments of the temperature range, but as fig. 45 shows, this would result in a very flat slope in the range of interest. Additionally, the very large shift between the SMACCR system and the Fe-bearing system (TP-40 and TP-40C) suggests that small variations in Fe/Mg may produce variations in  $\ln [(x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{sp}}x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{sp}})/(x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}}x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})]$  greater than the changes due to temperature differences of  $\approx 100^\circ\text{C}$ . A thermometer of this type would yield very large uncertainties (in the order of 200°C), and is thus of no practical value.

Data from natural garnet lherzolites confirm this interpretation. Four lherzolites from Thaba Putsoa (Nixon & Boyd, 1973a) and one each from the Thumb (Ehrenberg, 1982), the Sloan pipe (McCallum & Eggler, 1976), and Pipe 200 (Carswell *et al.*, 1979) fall into the narrow range of -5 to -5.8 ( $\ln K_D$ ), but cover a range of (cpx-opx) temperatures from about 900° to 1100°C.

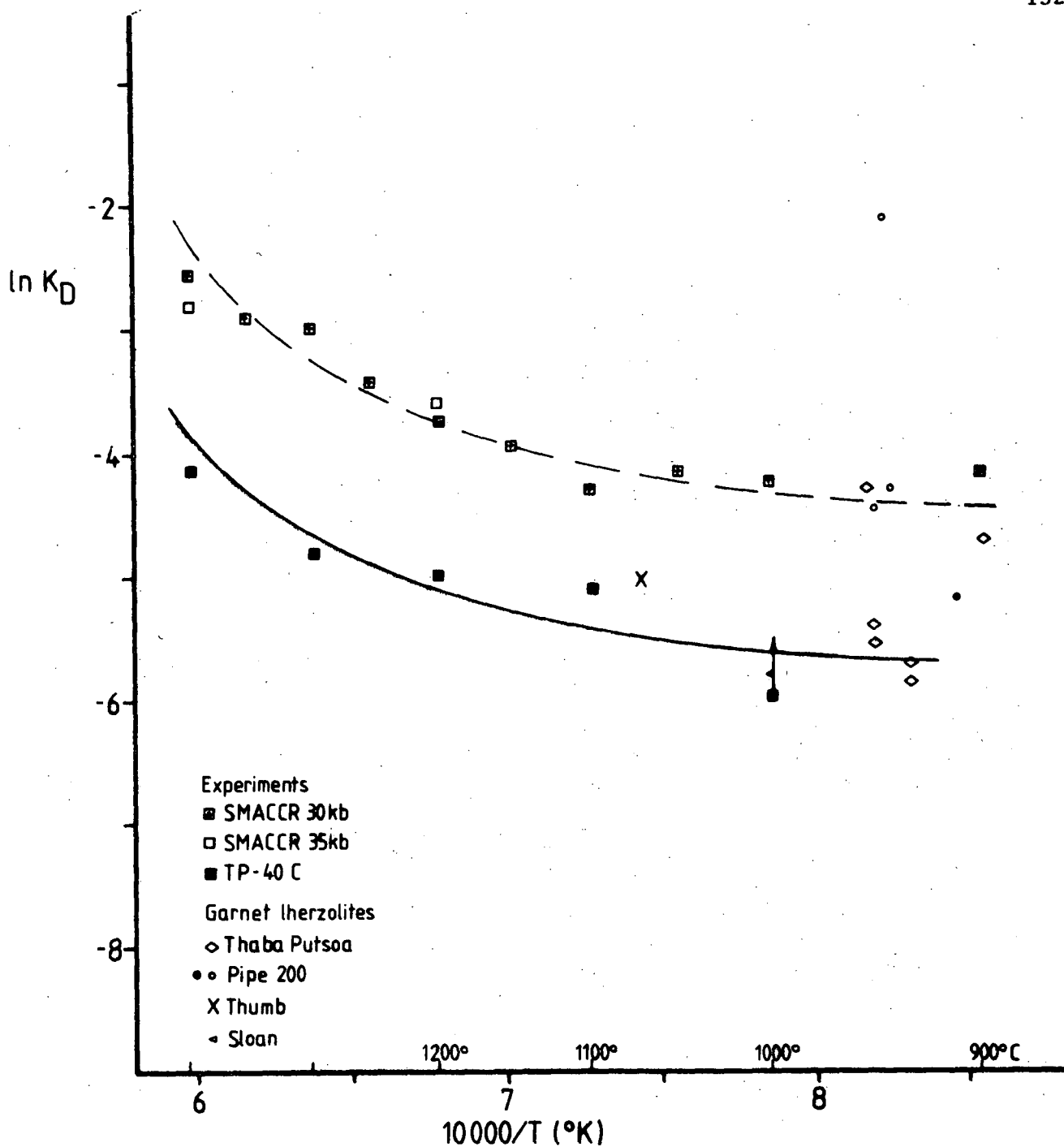


Figure 45: Plot of  $\ln(X_{Cr}^{gt}X_{Al}^{sp}/X_{Al}^{gt}X_{Cr}^{sp})^2$  vs.  $10000/T$  (K) for experimental data in the SMACCR system, the multicomponent system TP-40C and some natural garnet lherzolites from kimberlite. The temperatures for the natural rocks were estimated by the method of Wells (1977). The filled circle represents the data for a garnet lherzolite with primary spinel (class "a", see text) from Pipe 200 (Carswell *et al.*, 1979), open circles for garnet-spinel pairs, where the spinel belongs to the "d" class (see text) from this locality (Carswell *et al.*, 1979). The other data for rocks from Thaba Putsoa (Nixon & Boyd, 1973), Thumb (Ehrenberg, 1982) and Sloan pipe (McCallum & Egglar, 1976) are reported as apparently primary spinel.

Fig. 45 illustrates another problem in the natural rocks. It is not always clear whether a spinel found in garnet lherzolite is primary or secondary. Spinel in garnet lherzolites have been described as occurring as a) large discrete, apparently primary grains

- b) small idioblastic grains associated with clusters of clinopyroxenes and phlogopite grains,
- c) small grains associated with kelyphitic breakdown of garnet,
- d) spinels, typically outside, although still adjacent to kelyphitic zones,
- e) rounded grains, mainly included in olivine and enstatite, and
- f) inclusions in garnet.

(Boyd & Nixon, 1978; Carswell *et al.*, 1979; Ortez, pers. comm.).

While spinels of groups b and c are obviously secondary and as such are not in equilibrium with the primary garnet assemblage, spinels of groups e and f may or may not be in equilibrium with the whole assemblage. Carswell *et al.* (1979) reported spinels of types a, b, c and d. Plotted in fig.45 are those of groups a and d, where temperatures could be estimated via the cpx-opx thermometer of Wells (1977). Only the spinel which has been described as primary plots in the region of the  $K_D$ 's for primary garnet and spinel coexisting in the experiments on natural starting material, while the others have higher  $K_D$ 's. This is seen as evidence for them being secondary or being affected by the breakdown of garnet. It is concluded that it is very difficult to establish on textural or petrographic grounds, whether a spinel is primary or not. Judging from the experiments and the values of  $\ln K_D$  for apparently primary spinels, two of the samples from Thaba Putsoa are also of secondary origin or have been altered at a late stage.

### 36. GEOBAROMETRY BASED ON THE SOLUBILITY OF $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ IN ORTHOPYROXENE

#### 36.1 Fe-BEARING SIMPLE SYSTEM

The extension of the modelling for the CMAS and SMACCR systems to Fe-bearing simple systems and natural rocks has to take account of the effect of Fe on the equilibria. The significance of this effect has been demonstrated in FMAS and CFMAS systems by Wood (1974), Harley (1981) and Harley & Green (1982). However, the treatment of their experimental data by these authors must be discussed because of the nature of the assumptions made by them.

The  $K_D$  of reaction (B) is

$$K_D = \frac{(x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2}{x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} (x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}})^2 x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}} \quad (73)$$

In Fe-free simple systems such as MAS, CMAS and SMACCR the expression for garnet site distribution  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}} = (1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})$  is valid. In Fe-bearing systems  $(1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})$  is equivalent to  $(x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}} + x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}})$ . The extension of the term  $(1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})$  in  $K_D(\text{B})$  from MAS to Fe-bearing systems is thermodynamically not valid. The use of this term in the  $K_D$  for reaction (B) (Wood, 1974; Harley, 1981; Harley & Green, 1982) implies that Mg and Fe are thermodynamically indistinguishable. If this were true there could be no dependence of  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}$  on Mg/Mg+Fe of the garnet and the authors quoted have shown that the opposite is true.

Similarly the expression  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}}$  in orthopyroxene  $= (1 - x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$  is only correct for MAS and CMAS systems and not in Fe-bearing systems. Again the use of a  $(1 - x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$  term in  $K_D(\text{B})$  implies a thermodynamically incorrect assumption of identical characteristics of Fe and Mg.

Furthermore the assumptions made by Wood (1974) and Harley (1981) that Mg-Al and Fe-Al relationships in pyroxenes yield identical changes in terms of partial molar volumes is unconstrained and may be incorrect.

As mentioned before, other assumptions concerning Fe-Mg exchanges like  $(\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{mineral}} = (\text{Mg}/\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{site}}$  are likely to be incorrect as well (Fleet, 1974; Ganguly & Ghose, 1979; Sack, 1980), but this partitioning problem requires a considerable amount of site occupancy data from crystallographic studies of a range in pyroxene compositions and at a range of temperatures.

A re-interpretation of the experimentally determined Fe-Mg relationships and their influence on phase equilibria in a strict thermodynamic sense is beyond the scope of this work and requires use of data as yet unpublished. Therefore the algebraic conventions used by Wood (1974), Harley (1981) and Harley & Green (1982) must also be maintained here. The  $K_D(B)$  is therefore changed to

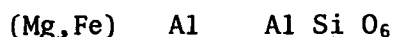
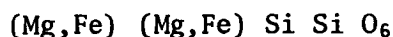
$$K_D(B') = \frac{(1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^3 (x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2}{[x_{\text{MF}}^{\text{M1}} (x_{\text{MF}}^{\text{M2}})^2 x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}]} \quad (74)$$

Thus two approaches were adopted here for the analyses of experimental data. Treatment of P-T-X relations in the CMAS and SMACCR systems employs conventional thermodynamic reasoning. In particular, activity-composition relations for within-site non-ideal interactions have been modelled using binary and ternary regular solution models. Extension of this work to Fe-bearing systems has to rely on the thermodynamically incorrect formulations of Wood (1974), Harley (1981) and Harley & Green (1982) which are curve-fitting only. As the data used by these authors are not published in sufficient numbers it is necessary to use their curve-fitting terms for the Fe-bearing systems and hence, unfortunately, my final equation is also a curve-fitting equation only.

Nonetheless thermodynamic expressions (e.g. ternary regular solutions) will be used in the further treatment to derive correction parameters. This is done because these formulations may be of use in thermodynamic modelling once appropriate models for Fe-Mg relationships become available.

I wish to emphasize again that non-thermodynamic (empirical) formulations are not invalid as such, if their accuracy and practical usefulness can be demonstrated. However they are empirical and the curve-fitting terms do not strictly reflect thermodynamic quantities.

Following the procedures of Wood (1974), Harley (1981) and Harley & Green (1982) we have for the simplest Fe-bearing systems, FMAS, the endmembers or rather endmember groups



A ternary regular solution model for the M1 site, where Al, Mg and Fe mix has the form

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} = (x_{Al}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (x_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{MgFe} + x_{Fe}^{M1} x_{Al}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{MgFe} - W_{FeAl}) \quad (75)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = (x_{Mg}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (x_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{FeAl} + x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Fe}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{FeAl} - W_{MgFe}) \quad (76)$$

The assumptions of the above authors include the following:

- (a)  $W_{MgFe} = 0$ ,
- (b) Mg-Al interactions are taken into account by the excess volume term,
- (c) Fe-Al exchange reactions yield identical changes in partial molar volumes as Mg-Al exchange reactions.

With these assumptions equations (75) and (76) are simplified to

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} = x_{Fe}^{M1} x_{Al}^{M1} (-W_{FeAl}) \quad (77)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = (x_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{FeAl} + x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Fe}^{M1} W_{FeAl} \quad (78)$$

which may be combined to give

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} + RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = [(x_{Fe}^{M1})^2 + x_{Mg}^{M1} x_{Fe}^{M1} - x_{Fe}^{M1} x_{Al}^{M1}] W_{FeAl} \quad (79)$$

Wood (1974) took account of Fe-Al non-idealities and those of Fe-Mg by a term of the form  $10450(\text{Fe}/\text{Fe}+\text{Mg})(1-2X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$ . Harley (1981) applied an apparent  $W_{\text{FeAl}}$  for the same purpose, which is  $W_{\text{FeAl}} = 5157$ . In the following discussions this apparent  $W_{\text{FeAl}}$  is adopted.

In FMAS, garnet consists of the two endmembers almandine and pyrope. As pointed out previously, the use of  $K_D(\text{B}')$  (eq. 74) implies a grouping of Fe and Mg in both garnet and pyroxenes. In FMAS  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{gt}} + x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} = (1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}) = 1$ ,  $x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}} = 1$ ,  $x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M2}} = 1$  and  $x_{\text{Mg,Fe}}^{\text{M1}} = (1 - x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$  and thus equation (74) is simplified to

$$K_D(\text{B}')_{\text{FMAS}} = \frac{1}{x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}(1 - x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})} \quad (80)$$

Rearranging equation (11) to give a solution for P we derive the barometric expression for FMAS

$$P_{\text{FMAS}} = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left[ \left( -RT \ln K_D(\text{B}')_{\text{FMAS}} - \left[ (x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} - x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} \right] W_{\text{FeAl}} \right) - dH(\text{B}) + TdS(\text{B}) \right] \quad (81)$$

In CFMAS the Ca in garnet has to be considered. With the assumption that  $W_{\text{FeMg}} = 0$  the garnet is modelled as a ternary regular solution, so that by analogy to the orthopyroxene the non-ideal contribution of garnet to the change in free energy becomes

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{py}} = 3(x_{\text{Ca}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 3x_{\text{Fe}} x_{\text{Ca}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}}) \quad (82)$$

and the barometric formulation for CFMAS is

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{CFMAS}} = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left( \left[ -RT \ln K_D(B') - [(X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}]_{\text{opx}} W_{\text{FeAl}} \right. \right. \\
 \left. \left. + 3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 3X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{CaFe}}) \right] \right. \\
 \left. - dH(B) + TdS(B) \right) \quad (83)
 \end{aligned}$$

The size of the parameter ( $W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{CaFe}}$ ) under the assumption that  $W_{\text{FeMg}} = 0$  and with a volume correction for  $X_{\text{Al}}(\text{opx})$ , has been estimated by Harley (1981) to be 2530 cal. This value has been adopted.

It should be emphasized that the parameters used here (i.e.  $[(X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}]$  and  $[3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 3X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{CaFe}})]$  are different from Harley (1981, 1982) who used  $(1 - X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$   $(1 - 2X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})$   $[1 - (\text{Mg}/\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})]$  and  $3X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} [1 - (1 - X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})(\text{Mg}/\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})]$  to describe the non-idealities. The formulation used here comes from the straightforward application of ternary regular solution models for both orthopyroxene and garnet. All other contributions are assumed to be taken into account by the values of the apparent interaction parameters. The validity of this empirical approach is evidenced by the good agreement between calculated and experimental pressures, when equations (81) and (83) are applied to the experimental data of Harley (1981) and Wood (1974). This is shown in figs. 46 and 47.

Major differences between calculated and nominal run pressures exist for the experiment (T-821) at 1200°C and 30 kb of Harley (1981) and the four experiments of Wood (1974) in FMAS at pressures greater or equal to 25 kb. Run T-821 of Harley was performed with a multibore capsule containing four different mixes. It is for this reason that several estimates appear in figs. 46 and 47 for this experiment. Harley (1981) reported melting and partial chemical exchange between the mixes. Hence there may be good reasons for disagreement of calculated and run pressure and the data are not necessarily in conflict with the barometric formulations.



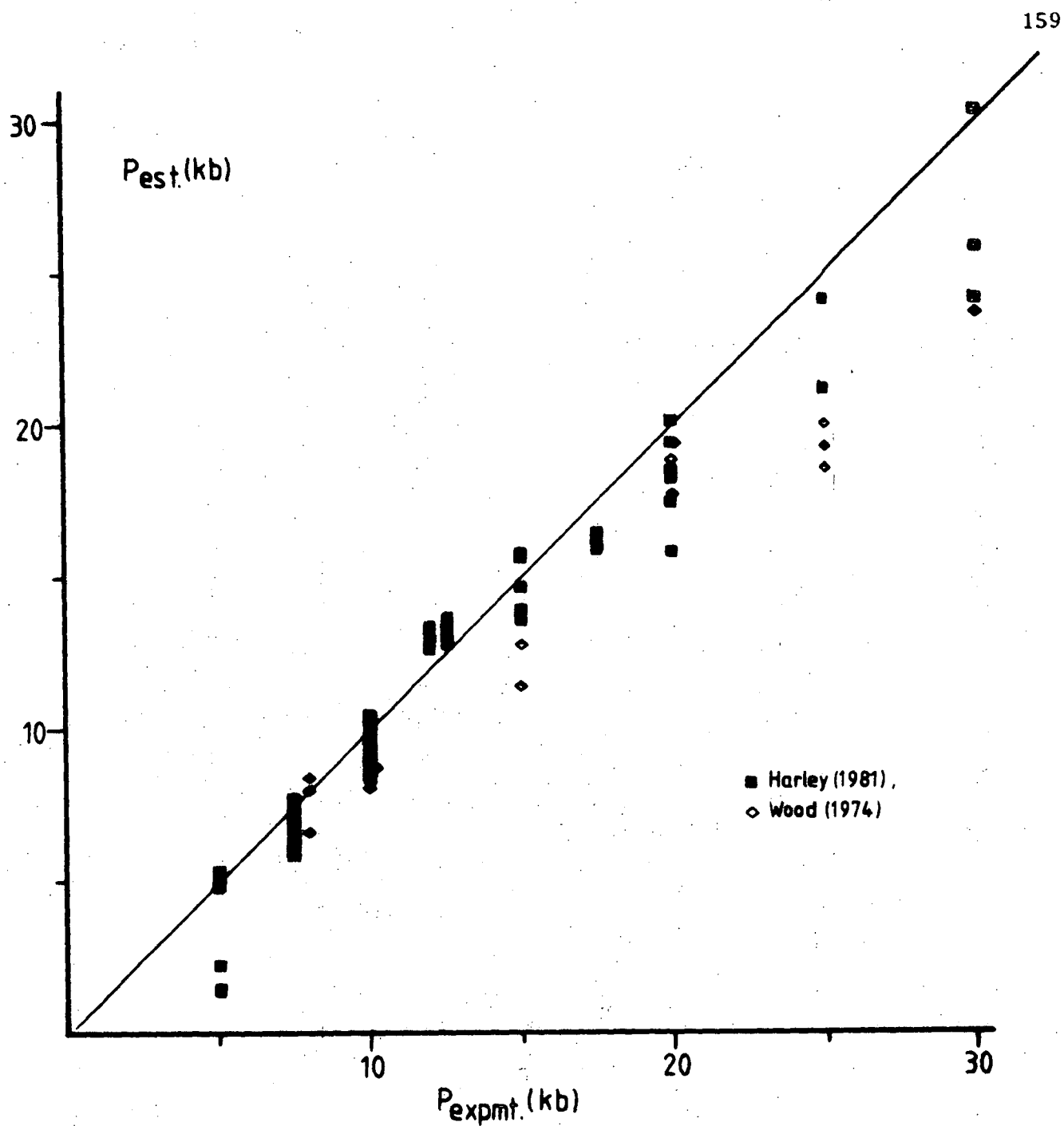


Figure 46: Comparison of pressures estimated via equation (81) and nominal run pressures for data in FMAS by Harley (1981) and Wood (1974).

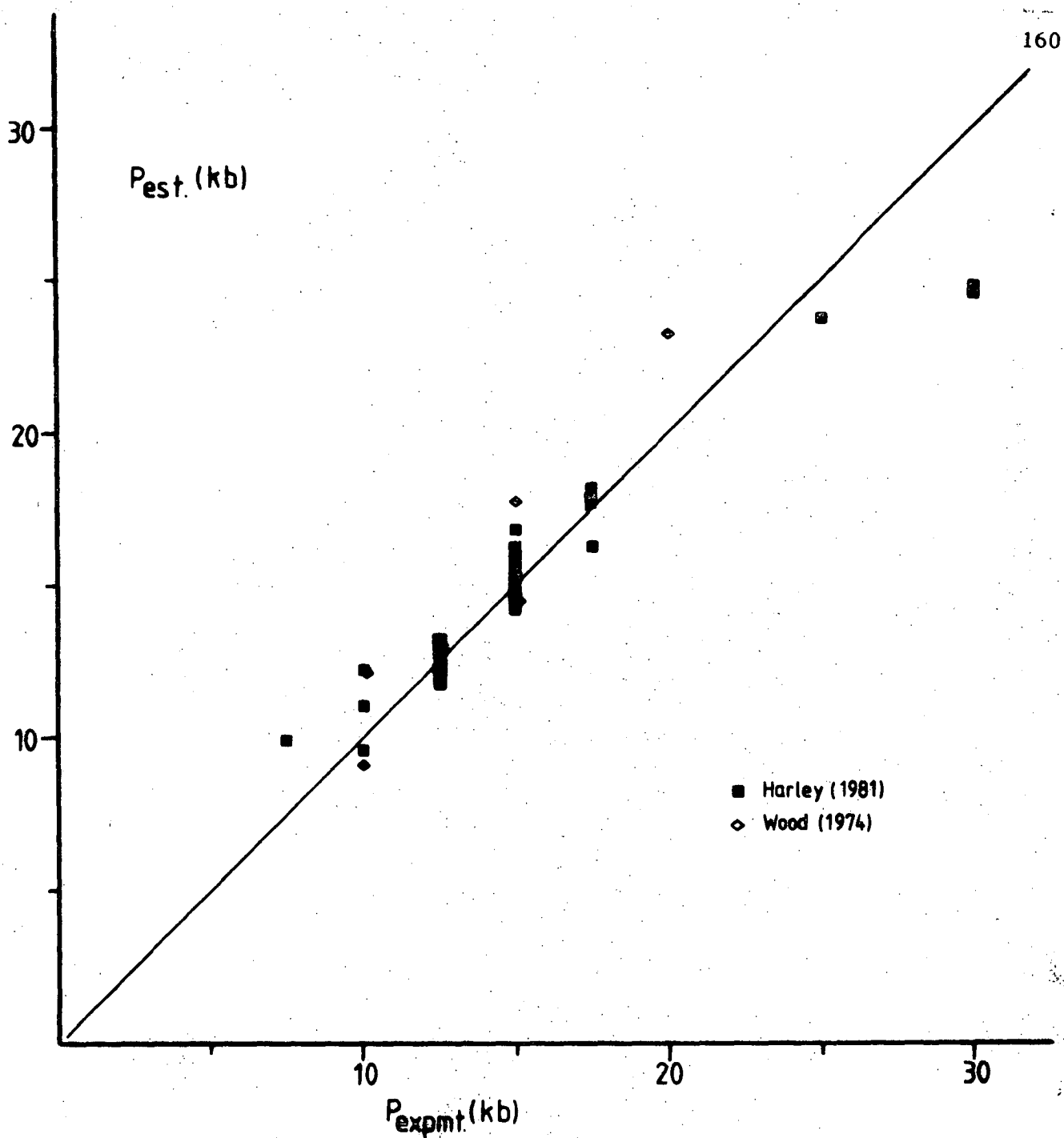


Figure 47: Comparison of pressure estimates via equation (83) and nominal run pressures for data in CFMAS of Harley (1981) and Wood (1974).

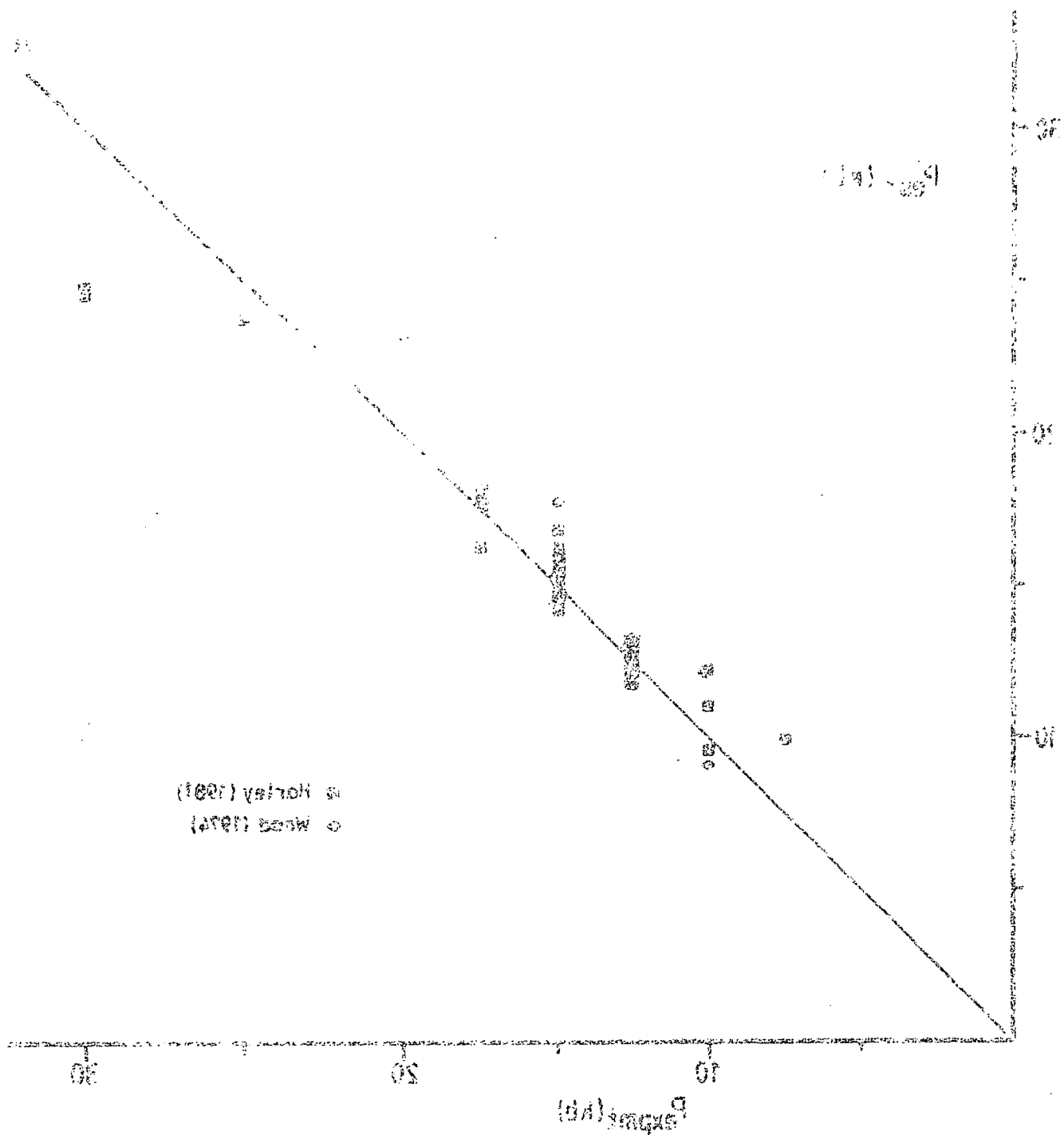


Figure 10: Comparison of pressure estimates via equation (10) and nominal rim pressures for data in GMAO of Hofley (1991) and Wood (1971).

The differences between estimated and nominal run pressures in the four experiments of Wood (1974) in FMAS are not well understood and cast some doubt on the validity of the approach used herein for FMAS. However, Wood's (1974) experiments are greatly outnumbered by those of Harley (1981) and there is good agreement between both data sets in CFMAS and accordingly in estimated pressures using equation (83).

### 36.2 MULTICOMPONENT SYSTEMS

The appearance of Cr in both orthopyroxene and garnet leads to somewhat more complex formulations than in the CFMAS and SMACCR systems, and introduces new parameters in thermodynamic equations.

Under the same assumptions as for simple systems, i.e. neglect the non-ideal contribution of Ca in orthopyroxene and assuming that Mg-Fe cross-site interactions are taken into account by the apparent  $W_{FeAl}$ , the orthopyroxene is modelled as a quaternary regular solution, where Mg, Fe Al and Cr mix on the M1 site. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RT \ln \gamma_{Mg_2Si_2O_6} = & (X_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{MgFe} + (X_{Al}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{MgCr} \\
 & + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} (W_{MgFe} + W_{MgAl} - W_{FeAl}) \\
 & + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgFe} + W_{MgCr} - W_{FeCr}) \\
 & + X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{MgCr} - W_{CrAl})
 \end{aligned} \tag{84}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 RT \ln \gamma_{MgAl_2SiO_6} = & (X_{Mg}^{M1})^2 W_{MgAl} + (X_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{FeAl} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} \\
 & + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{FeAl} - W_{MgFe}) \\
 & + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{MgAl} + W_{CrAl} - W_{MgCr}) \\
 & + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (W_{FeAl} + W_{CrAl} - W_{FeCr})
 \end{aligned} \tag{85}$$

While assumptions regarding the Mg-Al interaction and Fe-Mg relationships have been discussed and the  $W_{MgFe}$  and the  $W_{MgAl}$  are set to be 0, little is known about Mg-Cr and Fe-Cr interactions. By analogy with the Mg-Al interaction one may assume that the Mg-Cr contribution is taken into account by the volume term and hence is treated as being 0 as well. The size of  $W_{FeCr}$  is however unknown. The assumption is made here that  $W_{FeCr} = W_{FeAl}$ . The expressions for non-ideal mixing thus become

$$RT \ln \gamma_{Mg_2Si_2O_6} = X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} [-W_{Fe(Cr,Al)}] + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (-W_{Fe(Cr,Al)}) \\ + X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} (-W_{CrAl}) \quad (86)$$

$$RT \ln \gamma_{MgAl_2SiO_6} = (X_{Fe}^{M1})^2 W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} + (X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 W_{CrAl} \\ + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} W_{CrAl} \\ + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} W_{CrAl} \quad (87)$$

On combining the two expressions we have

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} + RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = [(X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} - X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}] W_{CrAl} \\ + [(X_{Fe}^{M1})^2 + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} - X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} - X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1}] W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} \quad (88)$$

Comparing the sizes of the parameters  $[(X_{Cr}^{M1})^2 + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}]$  with  $X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}$  and also  $(X_{Fe}^{M1})^2$  with  $(X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1})$ , which appear in equation (88) with opposite signs, it is apparent that they will be of little influence, because most garnet lherzolite orthopyroxenes contain only small amounts of Fe, Al or Cr in the M1 position. Accordingly, they may be neglected without introducing much uncertainty as long as only the highly magnesian lherzolites are concerned. The equation for the contribution of non-ideal mixing of pyroxenes to the change of free energy of reaction (B) is then simplified to

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} + RT \ln \gamma_{MgTs} = X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1} W_{CrAl} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} \quad (89)$$

The incorporation of Fe in garnet changes the activity coefficient expressions for this phase as well. On the dedecahedral (or A) site we now have a mixing of Mg, Fe and Ca. Modelled as a ternary solution this results in

$$RT \ln \gamma_{py}^A = 3(X_{Fe}^{gt})^2 W_{FeMg} + 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 3 X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{FeMg} + W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) \quad (90)$$

and simplifies with the assumption of ideal mixing of Mg and Fe to

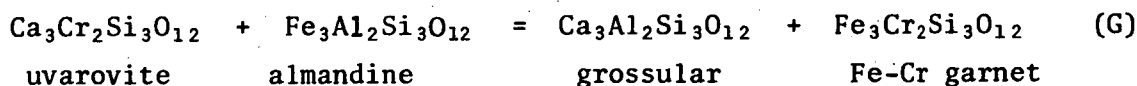
$$RT \ln \gamma_{py}^A = 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 3 X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) \quad (91)$$

A volume-corrected estimation of the size of  $(W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa})$  term for garnet has been given by Harley (1981) and this value (2530 cal) is adopted.

The B-site (octahedral) remains a binary solution, because  $Fe^{+++}$  is neglected and is thus

$$RT \ln \gamma_{py}^B = 2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} \quad (92)$$

The reciprocal terms would have to consider Fe, because of the additional reaction



Adopting the model of Wood & Nicholls (1978), this could be taken into account by an additional parameter of the form  $X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} dG_{rec}^{gt}(G)$ , where the  $dG_{rec}^{gt}(G)$  term is the standard change in Gibbs free energy of reaction (G). Wood & Nicholls argued on the basis of similar crystallochemical behaviour of Mg and  $Fe^{++}$  for an approximately equal size of  $dG$  of reactions (E) and (G). Yet one of the arguments of Wood & Nicholls (1978) for a large

size of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  was that the endmember knorringite cannot be synthesized at low pressures. The minimum pressure needed to synthesize the end-member  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Cr}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$  should thus be an indicator for the relative sizes of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  and  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{G})$ . Fursenko (1981) synthesized the Fe-Cr garnet at 80 kb. The lower limit of its stability was not established, but attempts at pressures  $\leq 40$  kb failed to produce Fe-Cr garnet (Fursenko, 1981). The stability limit is therefore somewhere between 40 and 80 kb and thus much lower than that the knorringite (Irfune *et al.*, 1982; in excess of 100 kb). This is consistent with the differences in stabilities for the Mg and Fe endmembers pyrope and almandine. Pyrope cannot be synthesized at pressures below about 14 kb (Schreyer, 1967), whereas almandine has been synthesized at 2 kb and is predicted to be stable at atmospheric pressures below  $785^\circ\text{C}$  (Yoder, 1955). Studies on the join  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ - $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$  (Hsu & Burnham, 1969) confirm that only Fe-rich garnets are stable at low pressures.

A much lower stability limit for the Fe-Cr garnet relative to knorringite suggests a much smaller size of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{G})$  compared to  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$ . Empirically a treatment of  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{G})$  as equal to  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  leads to pressure over-estimations for a number of the experiments performed in this study and to unreasonably high pressure estimates for natural rocks. It is therefore concluded that either  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{G})$  is indeed very small or that the influence of it is taken into account by the apparent  $dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})$  obtained in the study in the system SMACCR (chapter 27).

Garnet non-idealities of mixing are therefore expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 RT \ln \gamma_{\text{py}} = & 3(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 3 X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}}) \\
 & + 2(X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CrAl}} + X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}} dG_{\text{rec}}(\text{E})
 \end{aligned} \tag{93}$$

so that the barometer takes the form

$$P = \frac{1}{dV_r} = \left( -RT \ln K_D(B') - 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} - [2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}] W_{CrAl} \right. \\ \left. - 3 X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} W_{FeAl} \right. \\ \left. - X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} [dH_{rec}(E) - TdS_{rec}(E)] - dH(B) + TdS(B) \right) \quad (94)$$

Previously the following values were derived and adopted

$dH(B)$	= -6047 cal	chapter 16 (this work)
$dS(B)$	= -3.23 e.u.	" 16
$W_{CrAl}$	= 3400 cal	" 25.3
$dH_{rec}(E)$	= 90853 cal	" 27
$dS_{rec}(E)$	= 52.1 e.u.	" 27
$W_{CaMg}$	= 3000 cal	(Wood & Nicholls, 1978)
$W_{FeAl}$	= 5157 cal	(Harley, 1981)
$(W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa})$	= 2530 cal	(Harley, 1981)
$dV_r$	= $-(183.3 + 178.98 X_{Al}^{M1}(1 - X_{Al}^{M1}))$	(Harley, 1981)

These values are substituted into equation (94) and thus we have

$$P = \frac{1}{[-(183.3 + 178.98 X_{Al}^{M1}(1 - X_{Al}^{M1}))]} \left( -RT \ln \left( \frac{(1 - X_{Ca}^{gt})^3 (X_{Al}^{gt})^2}{X_{MF}^{M1} (X_{MF}^{M2})^2 X_{Al}^{M1}} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 9000(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 - 3400[2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}] - 7590 X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} + 5157 X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} \right. \\ \left. - X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} (90853 - 52.1T) + 6047 - 3.23T \right) \quad (95)$$



### 37. GEOBAROMETRY BASED ON THE SOLUBILITY OF $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ IN ORTHOPYROXENE

As for the barometry based on the solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in orthopyroxene, the application of the Cr barometer requires the consideration of Fe. Accordingly enstatite and Mg-Cr-tschermaks are modelled as quarternary regular solutions. The expression for enstatite is then the same as before

$$RT \ln \gamma_{\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6} = X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} (-W_{\text{FeAl}}) + X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} (-W_{\text{CrAl}}) + X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} (-W_{\text{Fe}(\text{Cr},\text{Al})}) \quad (86)$$

The full formulation for Mg-Cr-tschermak as a quarternary regular solution is

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6} = & (X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{MgCr}} + (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{CrAl}} + (X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{FeCr}} \\ & + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} (W_{\text{MgCr}} + W_{\text{CrAl}} - W_{\text{MgAl}}) + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} (W_{\text{MgCr}} + W_{\text{FeCr}} \\ & - W_{\text{MgFe}}) + X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} (W_{\text{CrAl}} + W_{\text{FeCr}} - W_{\text{FeAl}}) \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

Again it is assumed that  $W_{\text{MgAl}}$ ,  $W_{\text{MgCr}}$  and  $W_{\text{MgFe}}$  can be treated as being 0 and  $W_{\text{FeCr}} = W_{\text{FeAl}} = W_{\text{Fe}(\text{Cr},\text{Al})}$ . This simplifies equation (96) to

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgCrAlSiO}_6} = & (X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{CrAl}} + (X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 W_{\text{Fe}(\text{Cr},\text{Al})} + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} W_{\text{CrAl}} \\ & + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} W_{\text{Fe}(\text{Cr},\text{Al})} + X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} W_{\text{CrAl}} \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

Combining the activity expressions (86) and (97) we have

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{\text{en}} + RT \ln \gamma_{\text{MgCrTs}} = & [(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} + X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}] W_{\text{CrAl}} \\ & + [(X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}})^2 + X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}} - X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}] W_{\text{Fe}(\text{Cr},\text{Al})} \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

As for the Al barometry, the sizes and signs of the minor parameters in equation (98) [i.e.  $((X_{Al}^{M1})^2 + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1})$  vs.  $-X_{Al}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1}$  and  $(X_{Fe}^{M1})^2$  vs.  $-(X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} + X_{Fe}^{M1} X_{Cr}^{M1})$ ] allow neglect of these terms. Equation (98) is then simplified to

$$RT \ln \gamma_{en} + RT \ln \gamma_{MgCrTs} = X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1} W_{CrAl} + X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} \quad (99)$$

The expression for non-ideal behaviour of pyrope has already been discussed and the equation

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{py} = & 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 3X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) \\ & + 2(X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} + X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Cr}^{gt} dG_{rec} (E) \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

was derived. The analogous formulation for knorringite is

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{kn} = & 3(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 3X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) + 2(X_{Al}^{gt})^2 W_{CrAl} \\ & + X_{Ca}^{gt} X_{Al}^{gt} dG_{rec} (E) \end{aligned} \quad (100)$$

Arranging the expressions in the manner appropriate to their position in the equation for the reaction (F), bearing in mind that two pairs of  $Mg_2Si_2O_6 + MgCrAlSiO_6$  are involved, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma RT \ln \gamma'_{s_{reac(F)}} = & 6(X_{Ca}^{gt})^2 W_{CaMg} + 6X_{Fe}^{gt} X_{Ca}^{gt} (W_{CaMg} - W_{FeCa}) \\ & + 2W_{CrAl} [(X_{Al}^{gt})^2 + (X_{Cr}^{gt})^2 - X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Al}^{M1}] - 2W_{Fe(Cr,Al)} X_{Mg}^{M1} X_{Fe}^{M1} \\ & + X_{Ca}^{gt} (X_{Al}^{gt} + X_{Cr}^{gt}) dG_{rec} (E) \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$

Neglecting  $Fe^{+++}$  as before,  $X_{Al}^{gt} + X_{Cr}^{gt} = 1$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum RT \ln \gamma'_{s_{\text{reac}}(F)} = & 6(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} + 6X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}}) \\
& + X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (dH_{\text{rec}} - TdS_{\text{rec}}) + 2W_{\text{CrAl}} [(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 + (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \\
& - X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}] - 2W_{\text{Fe(Cr,Al)}} X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}}
\end{aligned} \quad (102)$$

Therefore the barometer is formulated as

$$\begin{aligned}
P = \frac{1}{dV_r} \left( \right. & -RT \ln K_D(F) - 6(X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 W_{\text{CaMg}} - 6X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}}) \\
& - X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (dH_{\text{rec}} - TdS_{\text{rec}}) - 2W_{\text{CrAl}} [(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 + (X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 - X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}] \\
& \left. + 2W_{\text{Fe(Cr,Al)}} X_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} - dH(F) + TdS(F) \right) \quad (103)
\end{aligned}$$

The following values have been derived and adopted previously:

$dH(F)$	= -17716 cal	chapter 28 (this work)
$dS(F)$	= -10.51 e.u.	" 28
$dH_{\text{rec}}(E)$	= 90853 cal	" 27
$dS_{\text{rec}}(E)$	= 52.1 e.u.	" 27
$W_{\text{CrAl}}$	= 3400 cal	" 25.3
$dV_r(F)$	= $[-392.1 + 1346 X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} (1 - X_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}})]$ cal/kb	chapter 28
$W_{\text{CaMg}}$	= 3000 cal	(Wood & Nicholls, 1978),
	hence $6W_{\text{CaMg}}$	= 18000 cal
$W_{\text{FeAl}}$	= 5157 cal	(Harley, 1981),
	hence $2W_{\text{FeAl}}$	= 10314 cal
$(W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}})$	= 2530 cal	(Harley, 1981),
	hence $6(W_{\text{CaMg}} - W_{\text{FeCa}})$	= 15180 cal.

Substituting these values into equation (103) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P = & \frac{1}{[-392.1 + 1346 x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}} (1 - x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}})]} \left( -RT \ln \left( \frac{(1 - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^3 x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}} x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}}}{[x_{\text{MF}}^{\text{M1}} (x_{\text{MF}}^{\text{M2}})^2 x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{M1}}]} \right)^2 \right. \\
 & - 18000 (x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}})^2 - 15180 x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} - x_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}} (90853 - 52.1T) - 6800 [(x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2 \\
 & \left. + (x_{\text{Cr}}^{\text{gt}})^2 - x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Al}}^{\text{M1}}] + 10314 x_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M1}} x_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{M1}} + 17716 - 10.51T \right) \quad (104)
 \end{aligned}$$

38. APPLICATION OF THE BAROMETERS TO EXPERIMENTAL AND NATURAL ROCKS

The results of the application of the two barometers to the experiments performed with complex natural rock starting compositions are listed in table 16 and shown in fig. 48.

Table 16: P estimates for experimental runs with mixes TP-40 and TP-40C at 35 kb.

Mix	T(°C)	P(Al)	P(Cr)	$\phi$ P
TP-40	1000	34.2	32.4	33.3
TP-40C	1000	37.3	30.7	34.0
TP-40	1100	35.2	34.0	34.6
TP-40C	1100	37.9	33.9	35.9
TP-40	1200	32.9	32.5	32.7
TP-40C	1200	34.6	30.0	32.3
TP-40	1300	35.3	35.8	35.6
TP-40C	1300	36.4	31.1	33.7
TP-40	1400	34.0	34.8	34.4
TP-40C	1400	36.9	31.1	34.0

P(Al) = P estimated via eq. (95)

P(Cr) = P estimated via eq. (104)

$\phi$  P = mean of estimates.

From both table 16 and fig. 48, five features are apparent:

- (a) estimates for the mixture with low Cr/Cr+Al ratio (TP-40) are closer to nominal run pressures for both Al and Cr barometers than for experiments with TP-40C (bimodal distribution of estimates between Al and Cr barometry in fig. 48).
- (b) Al and Cr estimates are closer to each other in runs with TP-40 relative to those with TP-40C.
- (c) estimates via Al barometry for runs with TP-40C have a small tendency to over-estimate pressures, becoming greater at lower temperatures.
- (d) estimates via Cr barometry for runs with TP-40C have a greater tendency to under-estimate pressures (bimodal distribution within Cr barometry estimates in fig. 48).

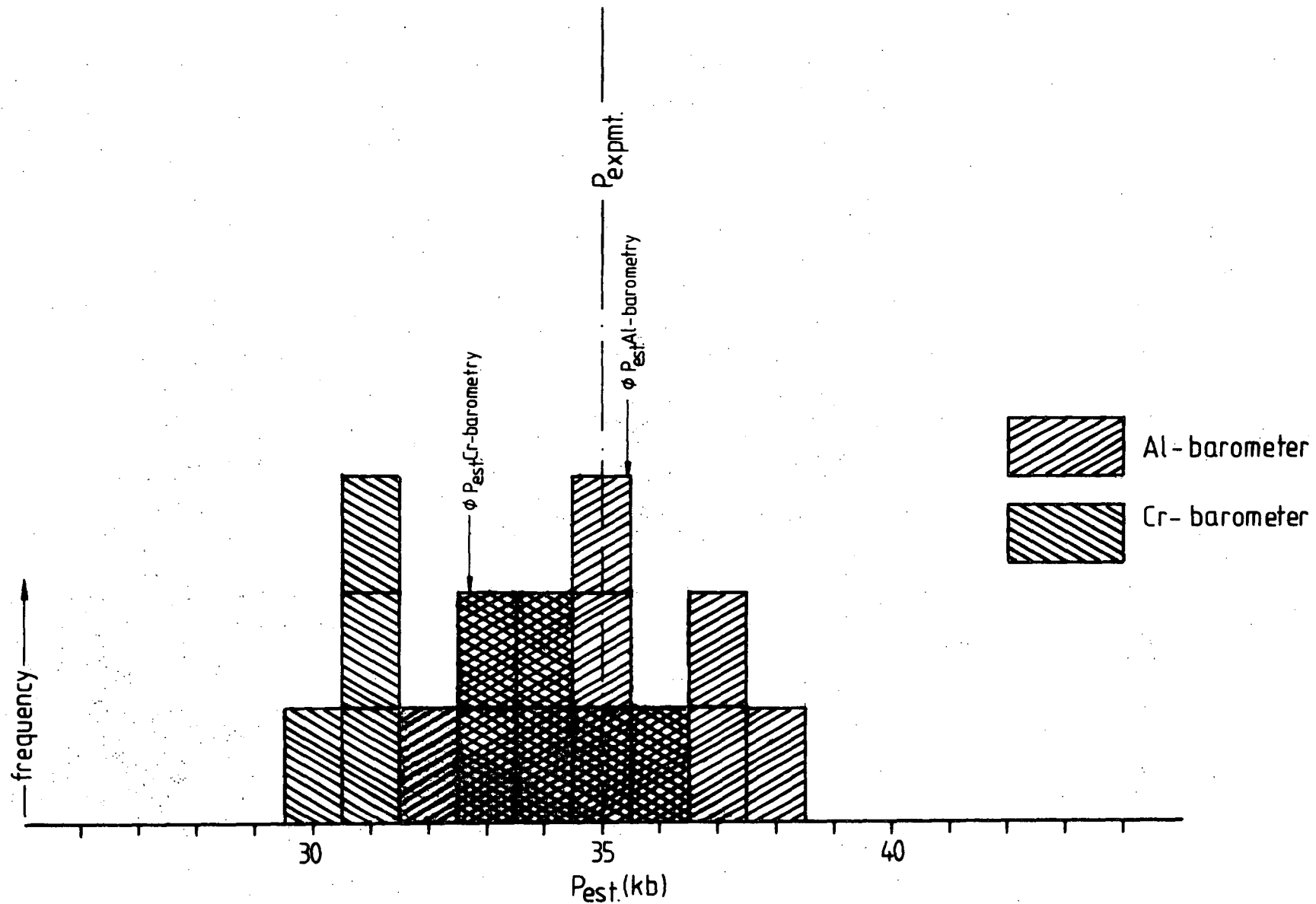


Figure 48: Histogram for pressure estimates via equations (95) (Al barometer) and (104) (Cr barometer) for experiments with TP-40 and TP-40C starting materials at 35 kb. Mean estimates for the individual barometers are indicated ( $\phi P_{est}$ ). The distribution and values of estimates are discussed in the text.

(e) differences in estimates between Al and Cr barometry tend to increase with decreasing temperature.

All five features result from a single cause, the chemical zoning of garnet. In runs with TP-40 (low Cr/Cr+Al) the garnets contain less Cr and so the difference between true rim composition and measured maximum Cr is smaller than in runs with TP-40C (high Cr/Cr+Al). Thus the relative error is smaller and this accounts for both better estimates and closeness of estimates. As pointed out before, garnet zoning is greater at low temperatures because reaction rates decrease. Thus it is expected that the difference between true rim composition and measured maximum should increase with decreasing temperature. The direction of zonation is towards higher Cr contents in the rims. Measured Cr contents of garnets which are lower than real rim compositions will lead to a higher  $K_D$  for Al barometry (because  $x_{Al}^{gt}$  is higher) and to a lower  $K_D$  for Cr barometry (because of the  $x_{Cr}^{gt}$  term). The relative error for  $x_{Al}^{gt}$  is smaller than for  $x_{Cr}^{gt}$ , because the first term is much larger than the second. Thus the error in estimation of pressures is such that the Cr barometer underestimates for the same reason that the Al barometer will over-estimate and the effect will be stronger on the Cr barometer relative to the Al barometer.

Applying the barometers to natural rocks one has to bear in mind the restrictions resulting from analytical uncertainties, calibration range and the empirical character of the barometers. The empirical character of the barometers implies that they should not be extrapolated far outside the calibrated range. Thus they should yield good results for the range 900-1400°C and 20-45 kb. Below 900°C uncertainties increase because of the increasing unreliability of the thermometer and because of extrapolation without experimental control, and thus estimates outside the 900-1400°C, 20-45 kb range should be treated with caution. The barometers are designed for garnet lherzolites. Low P/T rocks such as granulites

may be estimated by the method of Harley & Green (1982), which was calibrated at lower P-T conditions and was based on assemblages richer in Fe.

Analytical uncertainties become important when Al or Cr become small. For these cases both because of the position of the Al peak in the energy-dispersive spectrum utilized for microprobe analysis and the involvement of other minor elements in the calculation of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  in orthopyroxene, analytical uncertainties will have an important effect on the accuracy of the pressure estimate. Minerals in which Al is only a very minor element ( $\leq 0.5$  wt.%) are often inaccessible to the experimental set-up used (very low T, or higher P) and it is not certain whether the assumptions made for the relation between  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  and pressure/temperature can be extrapolated to these conditions. It is therefore recommended to use the Al barometer only if  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  exceeds 0.01 ( $\approx 0.5$  wt.%).  $Cr_2O_3$  measurements have less problems and the Cr barometer may be used for  $X_{Cr}^{M1}$  as low as 0.005 ( $\approx 0.2$  wt.%). The third restriction due to the analytical uncertainties comes from garnet analysis. It is envisaged that the Cr barometer will yield good results where  $X_{Cr}^{gt}$  in garnet exceeds about .08 ( $\approx 1.5$  wt.%).

As far as garnet lherzolites are concerned few nodules will fall outside these restrictions and at least one barometer can be applied to almost all published data. In fig. 49 estimates for 100 nodules are plotted, which comply with the restrictions mentioned. If the two barometers work independently and each has an accuracy of about  $\pm 3.5$  kb then it is expected that the estimates will scatter evenly around the 1:1 line. The difference in estimates is likely to range between 0 and 7 kb. This is confirmed by fig. 49. There is no good evidence for a systematic under- or over-estimation of either of the barometers and very few gross inconsistencies are present. Also there is no evidence for preferential under- or over-estimation with temperature. This is taken as evidence for the



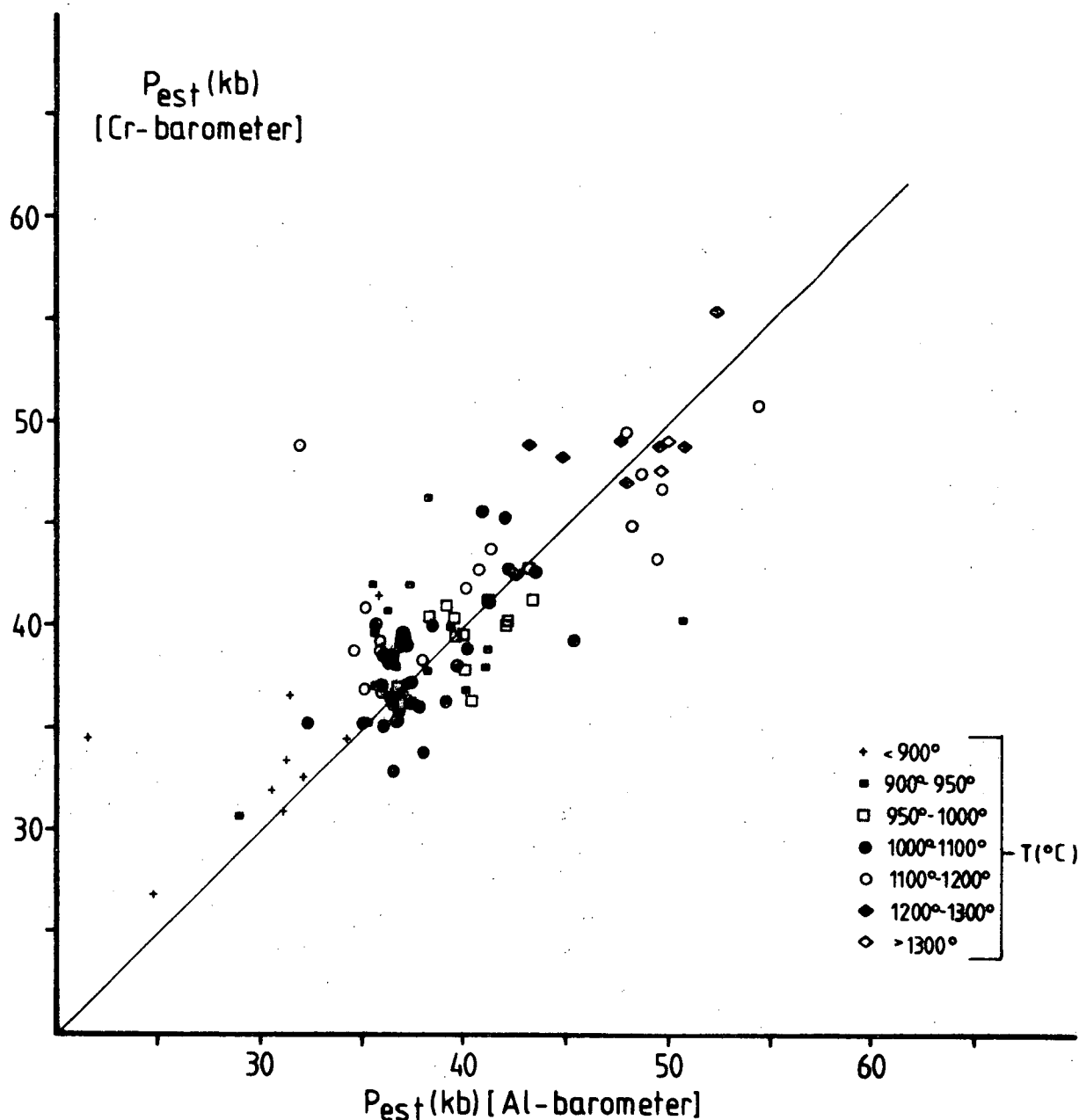


Figure 49: Comparison of pressure estimations via equations (95) (Al barometer) and (104) (Cr barometer) for natural garnet lherzolites from kimberlite and lamprophyre inclusions. Indicated temperatures are calculated by the method of Wells (1977). Data were obtained from Boyd (1974), Boyd & Nixon (1973, 1978), Boyd *et al.* (1976), Carswell *et al.* (1979), Carter Hearn & Boyd (1975), Cox *et al.* (1973), Danchin & Boyd (1976), Dawson *et al.* (1970), Ehrenberg (1979, 1982), Gurney *et al.* (1975), Mitchell (1977), Mori (1976), Reid *et al.* (1975), Sobolev (1977).

correct formulation of the barometers and that the systematic differences in estimates for the experiments are indeed the result of zonation in garnets.

This result is also demonstrated in fig. 50. In fig. 50 the estimates for five natural garnet lherzolites from South Africa are shown, which give a very narrow range of temperature estimates (930-960°C, using the Wells (1977) thermometer), but cover a large range of Cr contents in garnet. If these samples represent wallrock to kimberlite magma which was equilibrated at conditions typical for the province (i.e. under a similar geothermal gradient) then similar depths of origin are expected for all five samples. Both the Al barometer (eq. 95) and the Cr barometer (eq. 104) and their mean values  $[(P_{\text{Al barom}} + P_{\text{Cr barom}})/2]$  give pressures indicating a similar pressure within the error level expected. A larger data set confirms that the pressure estimate does not correlate with the Cr content of the garnet (discussed later, see also fig. 56). The pressure estimates by the method of Wood (1974, eq. 12) show by contrast a correlation with the Cr content of the garnet. This was expected, because increasing Cr in garnet has a dilution effect on the  $(X_{\text{Al}}^{\text{gt}})^2$  term in Wood's (1974)  $K_D$ , but is uncorrected for the influence of Cr on phase equilibria. Systematic and partly large under-estimations were already demonstrated using Wood's (1974) equation in the simple system (fig. 38b).

Summarizing, pressure-temperature conditions for garnet lherzolite xenoliths may be estimated by applying the cpx-opx thermometer in the form of Wells' (1977) equation and pressures via both barometers. If the mineral data comply with all restrictions, a mean pressure should be given as best estimate. Where only one barometer complies with the mineral composition constraints this estimate is likely to be better and should be taken as the preferred value. This procedure can easily be computerized and a simple example is given in appendix 7.

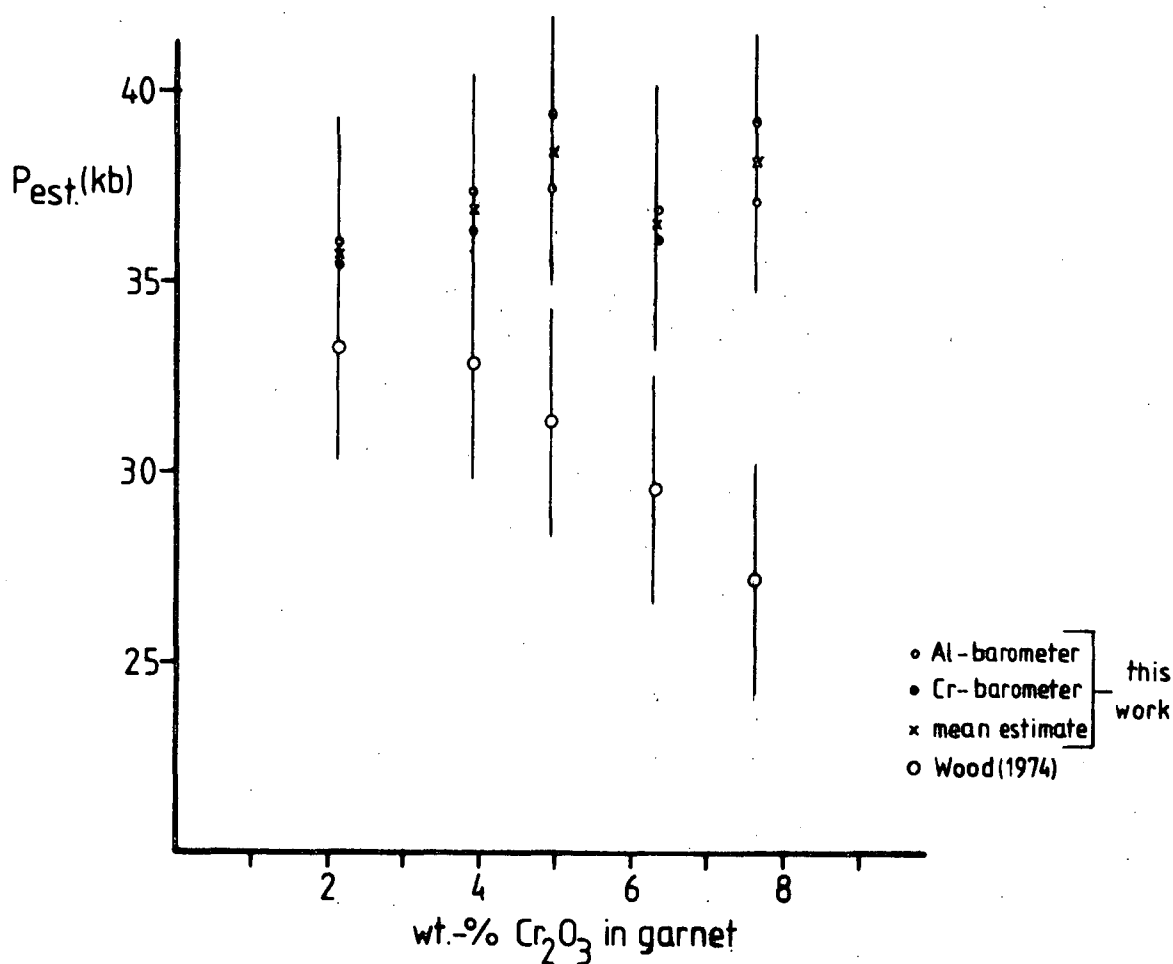


Figure 50: Plot of pressure estimates using equations (95) and (104) and mean values thereof and Wood's (1974) equation 12 in relation to the Cr content of garnet. The drawn error bars are  $\pm 3.5$  kb for the barometry of this study and  $\pm 3$  kb for Wood's (1974) method. All samples used come from South Africa and give temperature estimates (Wells, 1977) between 930-960°C. The samples are RVD-155, PTH 405, PTH 407, PHN 2767/1 and 1570 from Danchin & Boyd (1976), Carswell *et al.* (1979), Boyd & Nixon (1978) and Nixon & Boyd (1973a) respectively.

39. P-T ESTIMATES FOR NATURAL GARNET LHERZOLITES

Figs. 51 to 54 show the estimates of P and T for various suites of garnet lherzolite and a few garnet pyroxenite inclusions from kimberlite and other basaltic rocks from South Africa, Russia, North America, and the southwestern Pacific region.

Xenoliths can be grouped into low ( $<1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and high ( $>1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) T xenoliths. Low temperature xenoliths from South Africa and Russia (figs. 51 and 52) follow approximately the proposed steady-state geotherm for shields of Clark & Ringwood (1964).

The estimates for high temperature xenoliths from South Africa show them as being derived from essentially one depth (about 48-51 kb, equivalent to about 150-160 km), but covering a range of temperatures from 1100-1400 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The estimates at the highest temperatures are somewhat less reliable, because of the uncertain pressure effect on the pyroxene miscibility gap at high temperatures and pressures (Lindsley *et al.*, 1980; Brey, 1982). The agreement in pressure estimates is seen as significant, even if the absolute number contains some uncertainty.

From the literature descriptions it appears that all high temperature ( $>1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) xenoliths from South Africa are texturally of the "sheared" type (Nixon & Boyd, 1973a). However, two xenoliths from the Finsch mine (Shee *et al.*, 1982), being transitional between high and low temperature xenoliths (1050 $^{\circ}$  and 1100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), have been described as granular and low temperature xenoliths include both sheared (Bultfontein floors, Boyd & Nixon, 1978) and granular types. The textural grouping thus does not correlate with P-T grouping.

The bulk of the Russian samples from the Udachnaya mine (Sobolev, 1977; Boyd *et al.*, 1976) yield temperature estimates transitional between the low and high temperature (1050-1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) xenoliths as defined in the South African groups. Pressure estimates for Russian samples suffer from

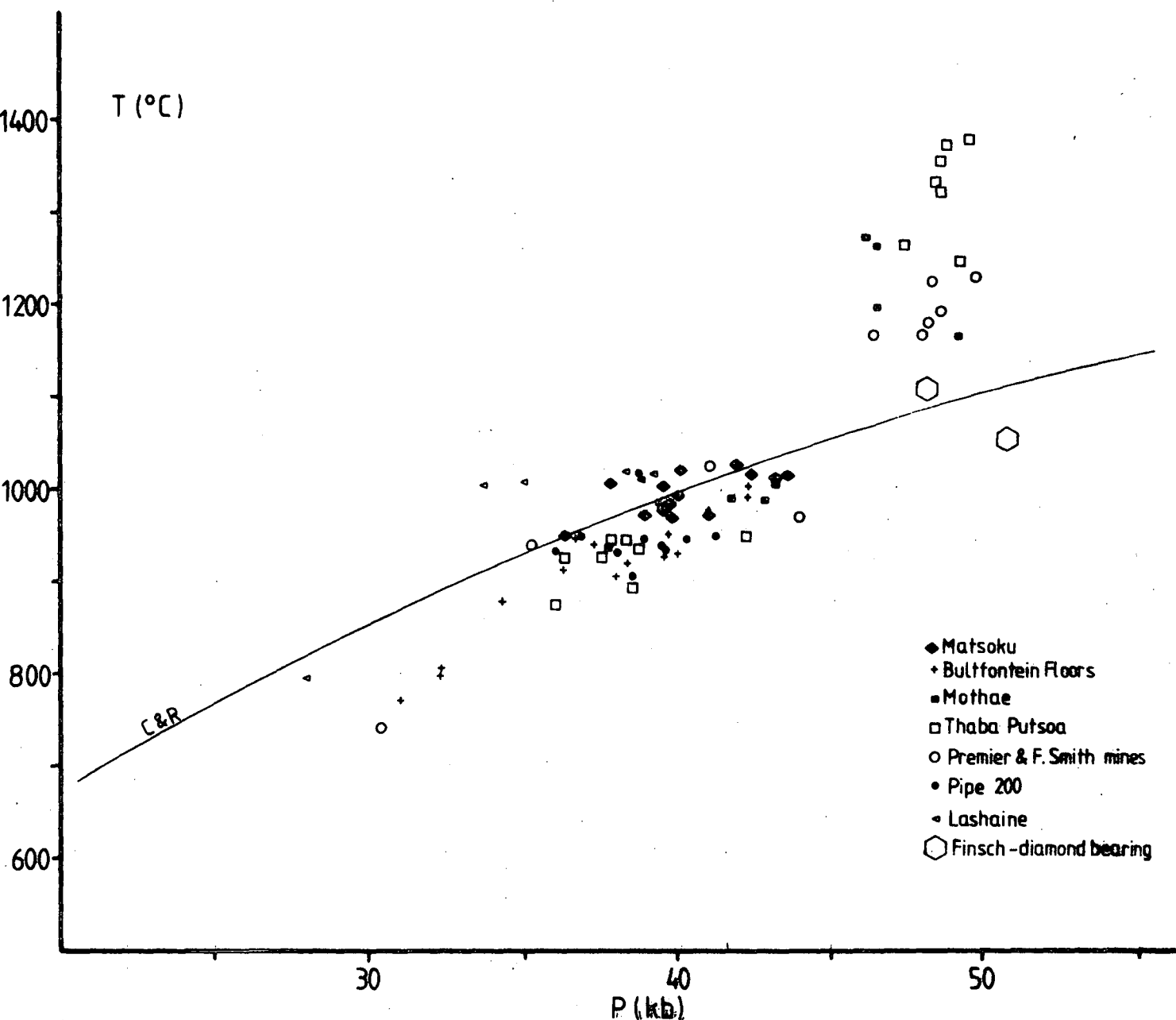


Figure 51: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites and a few garnet pyroxenites from South Africa and Tanzania. Temperatures are estimated by the method of Wells (1977), P are estimates from Al barometry (eq. 95) and Cr barometry (eq. 104). Where compositional restrictions for the individual barometers (chapter ) were met by both barometers, the mean estimate has been plotted, otherwise the value from the barometer complying with the restrictions was taken as best estimate (cf. appendix 7). Data sources: Boyd (1974), Boyd & Nixon (1978), Carswell *et al.* (1979), Cox *et al.* (1973), Danchin & Boyd (1976), Dawson *et al.* (1970), Dawson & Smith (1975), Gurney *et al.* (1975), Mori (1976), Nixon & Boyd (1973a), Reid *et al.* (1975) and Shee *et al.* (1982). Solid line is the geotherm of Clark & Ringwood (1964) for shields.

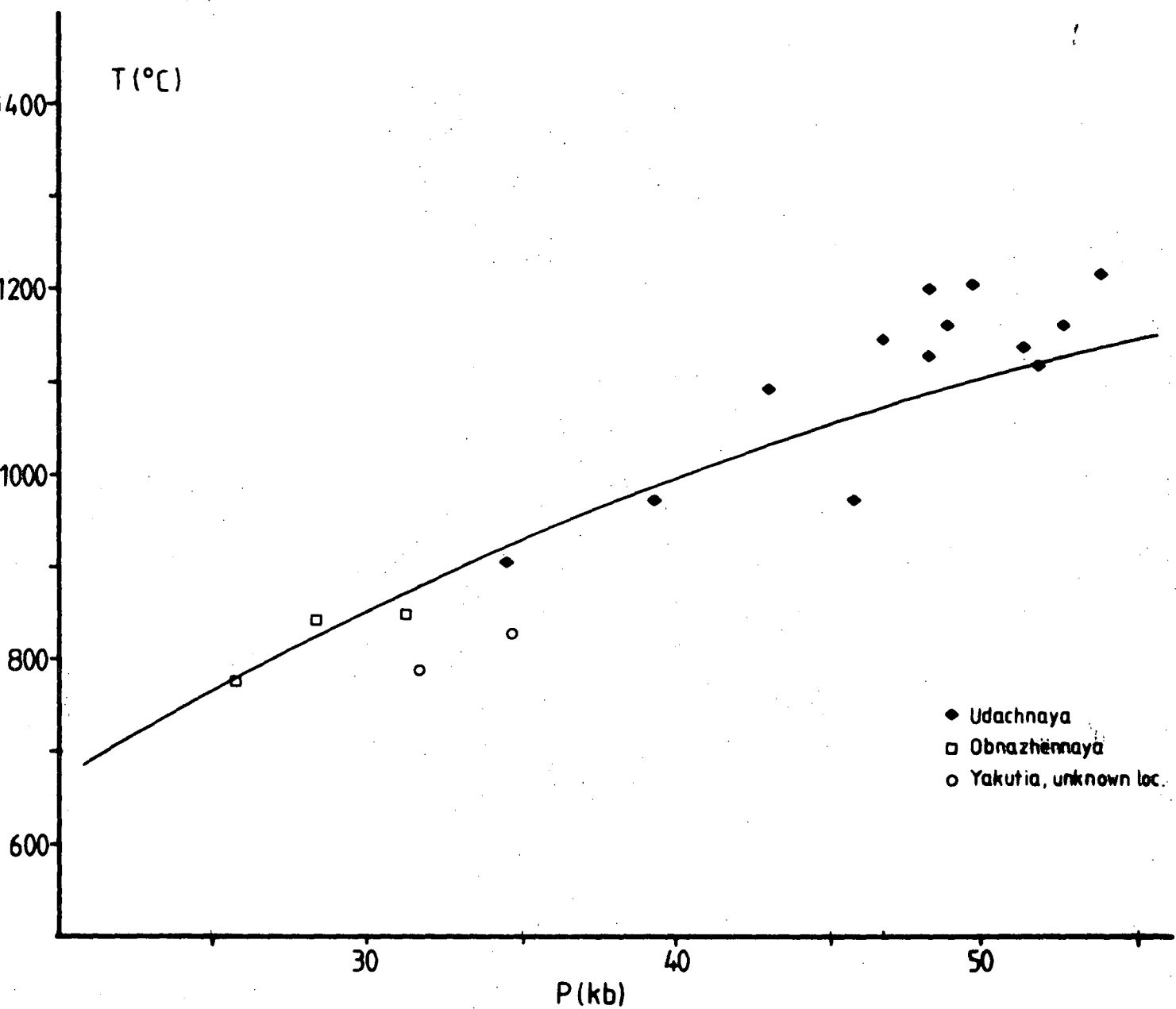


Figure 52: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from Russia. The plotted values were derived as outlined in fig. 50. Solid line = Clark & Ringwood (1964) geotherm for shields. Data from Boyd *et al.* (1976) and Sobolev (1977).

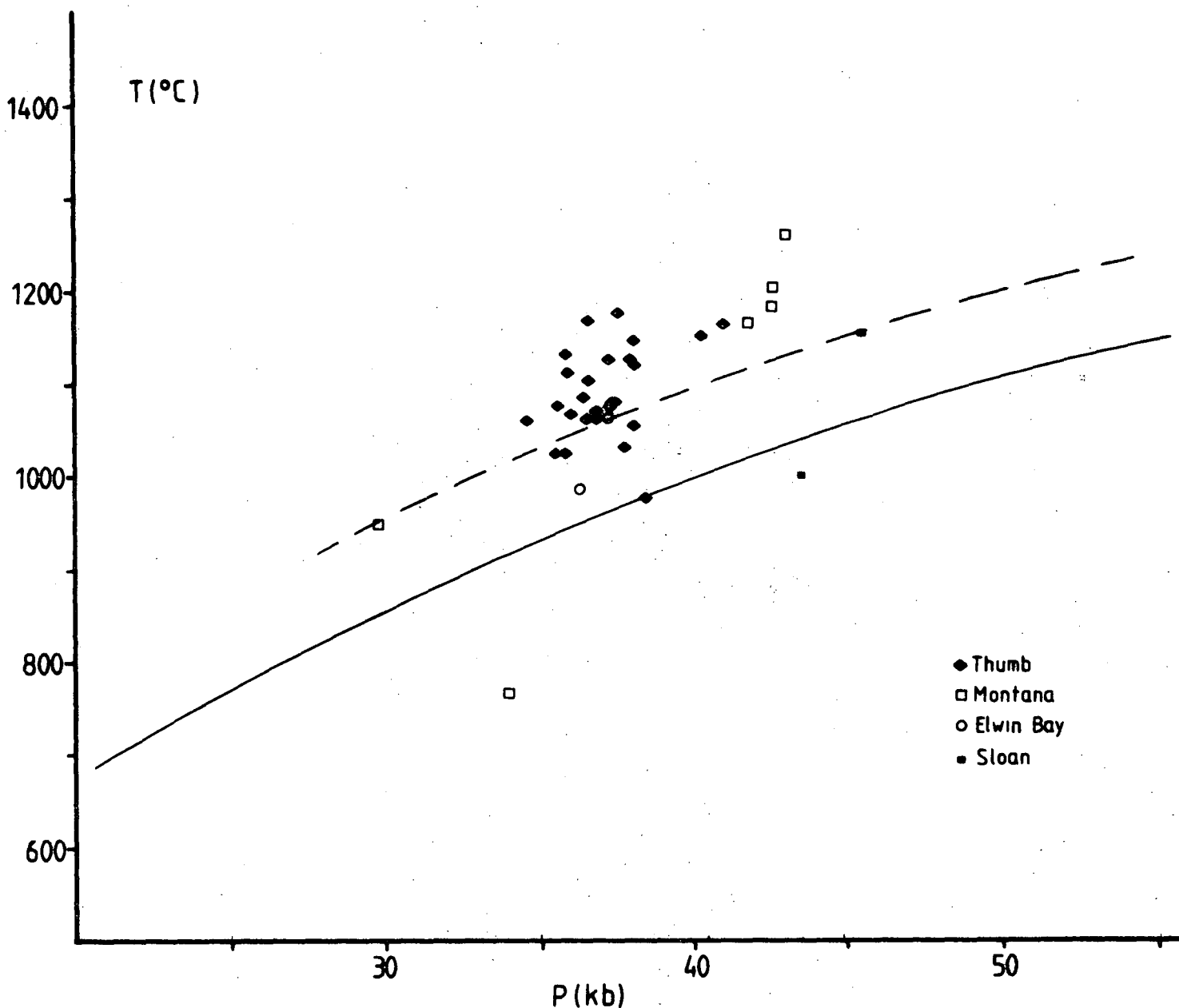


Figure 53: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from North America. The plotted values were derived as outlined in fig. 51. Solid line = Clark & Ringwood (1964) geotherm for shields, dashed line = Clark & Ringwood (1964) geotherm for younger continents (1.2 hfu). Data from Carter-Hearn & Boyd (1975), Ehrenberg (1979, 1982), McCallum & Egglar (1976) and Mitchell (1978).

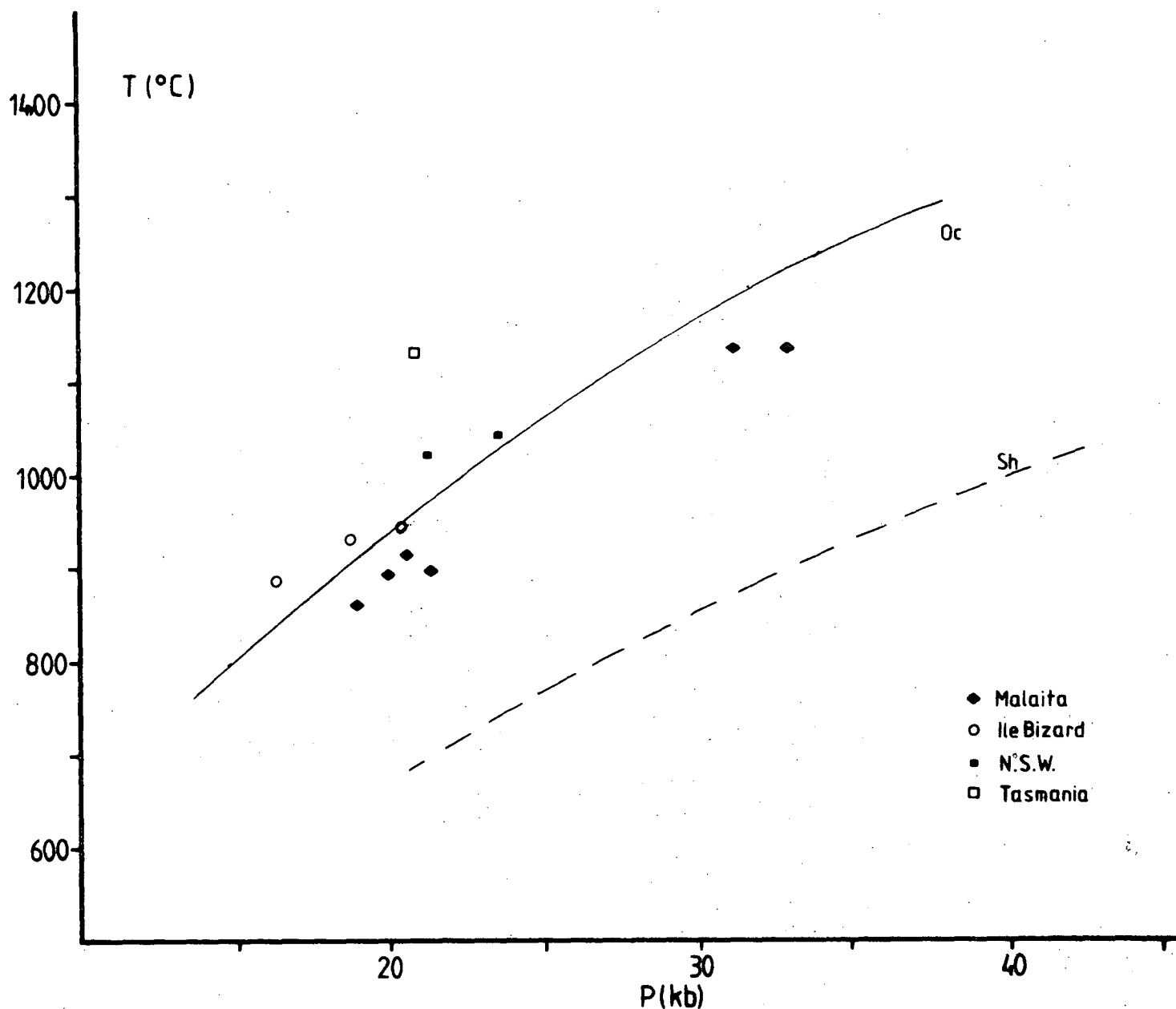


Figure 54: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from Ile Bizard (Canada) and the southwestern Pacific region. The plotted values were derived as outlined in fig. 51. Solid line = Clark & Ringwood (1964) geotherm for oceanic regions. Data from Ferguson & Sheraton (1979), Nixon & Boyd (1979), Raeside & Helmstaedt (1982), Sutherland & Hollis (1982).



very low Al concentrations in orthopyroxenes in many cases and accordingly only estimates based on the Cr barometer were considered in these samples. The pressure estimates for those Russian xenoliths transitional to high temperature types (1050-1200°C) are slightly higher (range of 48-54 kb) than those for South African nodules and show a systematic deviation from the Clark & Ringwood (1964) geotherm towards higher temperatures.

By contrast garnet lherzolites from minette in the Navajo volcanic district (The Thumb locality, Ehrenberg, 1979, 1982) cluster around 36-39 kb with a temperature range of approximately 1000-1200°C (fig. 53). Again no systematic differences in P-T estimates exist for different types (sheared/granular). These conditions of crystallization differ from those of the South African and Russian pipes and also from the "shield geotherm" of Clark & Ringwood (1964). The inferred P,T conditions are closer to a geotherm for younger continents with a higher heat flow. Data from garnet lherzolites in kimberlites from North America are sparse and the low number of data points (fig. 52) preclude a discussion of the Sloan, Montana and Elwin Bay examples.

Xenoliths in alnoite and basaltic rocks from the southwestern Pacific region (fig. 54) and Quebec, Canada, yield the lowest pressure estimates for xenolithic occurrences. Garnet lherzolites from Malaita (Solomon Islands), Ile Bizard (Canada) and New South Wales (Australia) are in good agreement with the steady-state geotherm for oceanic regions of Clark & Ringwood (1964). The exceptional high T/low P estimate for the sample from Tasmania (Australia) may be a reflection of its unusual occurrence (in basalt), but cannot be discussed until further information is available.

Megacryst suites have been used to infer P-T conditions from various localities (Boyd & Nixon, 1973; Eggler & McCallum, 1976; Eggler *et al.*, 1979; Garrison & Taylor, 1980). Unless a megacryst contains all phases necessary for P-T estimates (e.g. an orthopyroxene megacryst with

inclusions of clinopyroxene and garnet) there is no rational way of linking particular minerals from the megacryst suite for P,T estimates, i.e. assuming megacrysts relate to one event and one equilibrium assemblage. In particular, temperatures deduced from the composition of orthopyroxenes include very large uncertainties, because differences in  $X_{\text{en}}^{\text{opx}}$  or  $X_{\text{di}}^{\text{opx}}$  are very small for a wide range of temperatures. The barometers are very sensitive to temperature and thus the P estimates will be accordingly uncertain. Furthermore, this and the study of Harley (1981) have shown that the solubility of Al in orthopyroxene is sensitive to the composition of the coexisting garnet, not only in terms of the Ca content (which is usually fairly constant in megacrysts, Gurney *et al.*, 1979a), but also in terms of its Mg-value (correction factor  $X_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{gt}} X_{\text{Ca}}^{\text{gt}}$  in barometric expressions) and its Cr content. This places further doubt on to the accuracy of P-T estimates for megacrysts. Such estimates are therefore regarded as giving a rough qualitative estimate at best and consequently no pressures or temperatures have been inferred for megacryst suites in this study.

P-T estimates for alpine-type garnet peridotite bodies are problematic for various reasons:

1. Geothermometry for alpine-type peridotites by means of the cpx-opx thermometer (Wells, 1977) yields generally low (<900°C) or very low estimates (<700°C for Norwegian peridotites, Medaris, 1980). As discussed in earlier sections and by Evans & Trommsdorff (1978) and Ehrenberg (1982), low estimates include large uncertainties. Uncertainties in temperature estimates result in uncertainties in pressure estimates.
2. The empirical nature of the barometers derived in this study placed restrictions on to the applicability (chapter 38). Pressure estimates for samples estimated to have equilibrated at  $\leq 800^\circ\text{C}$  are potentially inaccurate, because these conditions are outside the calibrated range. Additionally, garnet peridotites from the Alps (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978) and Norway (Medaris, 1980) have orthopyroxenes with very low Al concentrations

and garnets with very low Cr contents. Thus the concentrations of  $X_{Al}^{M1}$  in orthopyroxene and Cr in garnet border or are below the calibrated range.

3. Minerals from alpine-type garnet peridotites are usually inhomogeneous and/or chemically zoned, reflecting retrograde metamorphism, secondary alteration and overprinting by later metamorphic events (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978; Medaris, 1980; Obata, 1980). In particular, late metamorphic events involving the growth of aluminous hydrous phases at the expense of pyroxenes (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978) may alter the chemistry of pyroxenes, so that their compositions may not reflect the earlier equilibrium with garnet.

Numerical values for the garnet peridotites from the Alps (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978) lie between 33 and 37 kb for core compositions and 27 to 33 kb for rim compositions at temperatures around 830°C ( $\pm 60^\circ\text{C}$ ). Even though high initial pressures of equilibration have been envisaged by Ernst (1978), it is believed that the uncertainties prohibit a better estimate than the "in excess of 20 kb" of Evans & Trommsdorff (1978).

Estimates for rocks from the garnet lherzolite facies of the Ronda Massif (Obata, 1980) can be obtained with a higher reliability, because both estimated temperatures (870-940°C) and Al contents in orthopyroxene are higher. However, opx-cpx pairs are only available from neoblasts within the assemblage and the estimates thus are values for varying stages of recrystallization during ascent and not the P,T conditions of the primary (before ascent) equilibration. The estimates range from 14-20 kb. The primary conditions of equilibration for the Ronda Massif are therefore also inferred to be in excess of 20 kb.

40. DISCUSSION OF P,T ESTIMATES FOR GARNET LHERZOLITE XENOLITHS AND  
A MODEL FOR THE PETROGENESIS OF LHERZOLITES, KIMBERLITES AND DIAMONDS

By far the greatest number of data for garnet lherzolite inclusions comes from kimberlite pipes of South Africa. The following discussion is therefore based primarily on these data. The good agreement between P,T estimates for the South African inclusions and the geotherm for shields of Clark & Ringwood (1964) suggests that low temperature xenoliths represent wallrock, which has equilibrated under the steady-state conditions of an old (Archaean) lithosphere. This is somewhat surprising, because the geotherm of Clark & Ringwood (1964) was calculated on the basis of heat-flow data and does not provide for any other heat source than conductive heat and internal heating due to radioactive decay, i.e. it is calculated for a non-convective model of the mantle. The data for low temperature xenoliths from South Africa thus suggest a negligible contribution of convective heat to this part of the upper mantle/lithosphere, if the mantle beneath that region is convecting.

By contrast the high temperature xenoliths record a range of at least 300°C at practically one depth, clearly in disagreement with the steady-state conditions calculated by the shield geotherm of Clark & Ringwood (1964). Maintaining the non-convective model requires thus a heat source such as a "hot spot". In recent years, the idea of "whole mantle convection" has regained popularity and models in favour of this theory have been put forward (Rice, 1982; Peltier, 1980; Yuen *et al.*, 1981). In these models the lithosphere is behaving as a cold boundary layer (Jarvis & Peltier, 1982; Peltier & Jarvis, 1982), where vertical heat diffusion from flows is largely balanced by horizontal heat advection (Peltier, 1981). One of the results of the convection style of the authors mentioned is a temperature "overshoot" near the boundary layer over the temperature of the regions further below and above.

In this sense strongly perturbed geotherms are expected. The problem of heat and heat transfer between mantle and lithosphere is certainly far from being resolved (Jacoby & Schmeling, 1982), but the P,T distribution recorded in the South African xenoliths is in the light of the mentioned theories not necessarily inconsistent with convective mantle models.

Whatever the source of the heat, high temperature conditions existed at least temporarily at depths of about 150-160 km. Fig. 55 shows the range of P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from South Africa, Russia and The Thumb locality (U.S.A.) in relation to the solidus for the system "pyrolite + 0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O" (Green, 1973; Green & Liebermann, 1976). The solidus for pressures greater than 30 kb is similar for pyrolite + H<sub>2</sub>O, pyrolite + H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub> or pyrolite-C-H-O (Green & Liebermann, 1976).

At the highest recorded P-T conditions for the garnet lherzolite xenoliths from South Africa partial melting of a peridotitic source would take place, if enough H<sub>2</sub>O ± other volatiles are present. The volatile-rich character of kimberlitic magmas argues for the availability of volatiles in the source region of kimberlites. The degree of partial melting above the solidus is dependent on the amount and composition of volatiles present. For small amounts of H<sub>2</sub>O (<0.4%) the xenoliths recording the highest temperatures of equilibration would contain partial melts (< or << 1%). At depths below the source of those xenoliths temperatures must be higher still. The liquidus for an average kimberlite composition from South Africa at about 160 km is in the vicinity of 1500°C, depending on X<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> (Eggler & Wendlandt, 1979). At these conditions the near-liquidus phases of kimberlite are those of a peridotite (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and garnet) (for X<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.5. Eggler & Wendlandt, 1979). Thus a kimberlite may be generated at conditions of about 1400-1500°C and at depths of about 160-180 km. These conditions are consistent with the assumption that kimberlite is formed as a small amount (≈1%) of partial melt of a peridotitic source rock (Wyllie, 1979).

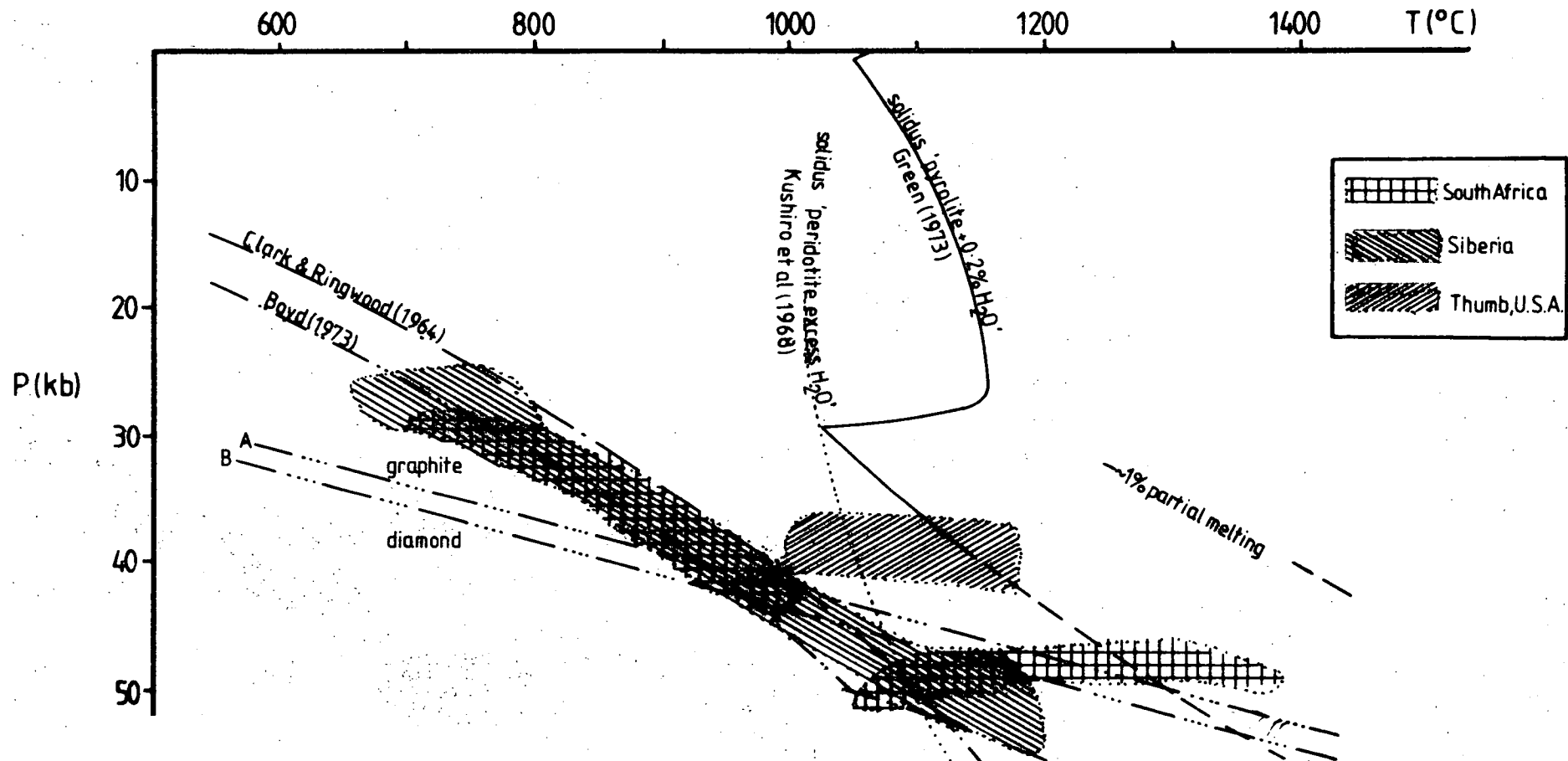


Figure 55: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolite inclusions in kimberlite and lamprophyre from South Africa, Russia and U.S.A. in relation to the solidus for the system "pyroxene + 0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O" (Green, 1973b; Green & Liebermann, 1976) and peridotite + excess H<sub>2</sub>O (Kushiro *et al.*, 1968). Shaded areas are ranges taken from figs.51-53.

- 1% — approximate position of 1% partial melting of a peridotitic source with 0.2-0.05% H<sub>2</sub>O from Green & Liebermann (1976).
- - - - - geotherm for shields (Clark & Ringwood, 1964).
- ..... pyroxene geotherm (Boyd, 1973).
- ..... graphite-diamond stability limits after (A) Bundy *et al.* (1961) and (B) Kennedy & Kennedy (1976).

P,T conditions of approximately 1400-1500°C and 50-60 kb would produce partial melting of about 1% in the system "pyrolite + 0.2-0.5% H<sub>2</sub>O" (Green & Liebermann, 1976). It is therefore inferred that the South African kimberlites were formed at those conditions.

The Mg-values and other characteristics of kimberlites (Dawson, 1980) suggest that kimberlite is a primitive magma with little or no fractionation. Yet one of the features commonly observed in kimberlites is the existence of large mono- or biminerally crystals or nodules (megacrysts, discrete nodules), which show consistently lower Mg-values than the minerals of most lherzolites. Additionally, dunites with olivines with Mg-values as low as 84 (Nixon & Boyd, 1973b) are found within kimberlites. These megacryst suites point towards a fractionation/crystallization process taking place at mantle depth. Whether this process is active in a magma chamber or rather within a magma-crystal mush (Boyd & Nixon, 1978; Nixon & Boyd, 1973b; Gurney & Harte, 1980), it requires cooling of the kimberlite or protokimberlite magma. A cooling history for a magma precipitating megacrysts, diamonds and dunites may account for the wide range in chemistry found within these precipitates (Dawson, 1980; Gurney & Harte, 1980).

There are differing views on the rheologic behaviour of magmas (Sparks *et al.*, 1977; Wolff, 1980; Basu, 1980). However, slow ascent of xenolith-bearing magmas should result in an extensive re-equilibration of clino- and orthopyroxenes of lherzolite nodules to the temperature conditions of the transporting magma and would cause extensive partial melting within the nodules during ascent. As there is very little evidence for such a process and in particular the granular garnet lherzolite nodules retain a record of temperatures which are likely to be steady-state ambient mantle temperatures, it is believed that the ascent of kimberlitic magmas is a very fast process. Great speed precludes an effective fractionation process within the magma during ascent.

In analogy with the study on basanite (this work) it seems thus more likely that the megacrysts and cumulates were precipitated by earlier pulses of magmas rather than from the host kimberlite magma itself. The magma(s) precipitating those phases is not by necessity a kimberlite, nor do all megacrysts have to be precipitated from one magma or in one magmatic event, even though this has been inferred on the basis of similar chemical variations (Gurney *et al.*, 1979a). Many or most precipitates (megacrysts, diamonds, dunites) are therefore regarded as xenocrysts or xenoliths to the host kimberlite.

The inferred conditions for the formation of kimberlite and the model for the derivation of megacryst suites from pre-dating kimberlites or protokimberlitic magmas put constraints on the genesis of diamonds. At the inferred conditions of kimberlite formation ( $\approx 1400-1500^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 50-60 kb) diamond is not stable. Any form of carbon would be concentrated into the melt in the form of a  $(\text{CO}_3)^{--}$  ion, because of the high solubility of  $\text{CO}_2$  in under-saturated magmas (Brey & Green, 1975, 1976). If a kimberlitic magma is however injected into the adjacent wallrock and cools/crystallizes there under sufficiently low  $f\text{O}_2$ , C would crystallize as diamond.

Inclusions in diamonds have several distinct features:

- (a) two broad groups of inclusions occur (eclogitic and peridotitic) (Tsai *et al.*, 1979);
- (b) both groups are accompanied by inclusions of sulphides and/or graphite (Gurney *et al.*, 1979);
- (c) garnets from diamond inclusions of the peridotitic suite are generally more magnesian, contain more Cr and are poor in Ca relative to the minerals of garnet lherzolite inclusions from the kimberlite (Meyer & Boyd, 1972; Shee *et al.*, 1982);
- (d) olivines from inclusions in diamond contain up to 10 times as much Cr as olivines from lherzolite nodules (Meyer, 1975); and



(e) P,T estimates for the peridotitic suite of diamond inclusions yield temperature values lower than most high-temperature garnet lherzolite xenoliths and pressures similar to those (Dawson, 1980; Hervig *et al.*, 1980; Shee *et al.*, 1982).

These features are explicable in the light of the model outlined above. Diamonds crystallize from a pre-dating protokimberlite or kimberlite, which has the peridotitic phases near its liquidus (Eggler & Wendlandt, 1979). Alternatively, eclogitic phases including diamonds may precipitate at a more evolved stage of kimberlite crystallization. The mineral chemistry of early crystallizing phases may have the characteristics of the inclusions found within diamond (Harte *et al.*, 1980). The  $fO_2$  conditions for the crystallization are very low, accounting for the growth of diamond rather than carbonates and the high Cr content of olivines, which contain probably some  $Cr^{++}$  (Meyer, 1975; Hervig *et al.*, 1980). Inclusions in diamond are sheltered from re-equilibration with the further crystallizing magma, retaining the refractory character of the initial precipitates. Immiscible sulphide liquids may account for the sulphide inclusions in diamonds (Fesq *et al.*, 1975). The further crystallization of the magma leads to the formation of the megacryst suites and recent studies suggest that some megacryst assemblages in diamondiferous kimberlites fill the compositional gap between inclusions in diamonds and coarse grained xenoliths (Gurney & Harris, 1982). In rare cases a kimberlitic magma may infiltrate the wallrock along cracks and the late crystallizing phases may completely equilibrate with the wallrock under subsolidus conditions, leaving diamonds with or without inclusions within the matrix of a garnet peridotite. This process could account for the rare occurrences of diamonds in garnet lherzolites (Dawson & Smith, 1975; Shee *et al.*, 1982; Pokhilenko *et al.*, 1976). In general diamond should be more frequently associated with megacrysts and other

precipitates such as igneous eclogites, which is the case (Pokhilenko *et al.*, 1976).

This model together with the constraints that the wallrock at levels shallower than about 145 km has ambient temperatures in accord with the shield geotherm (Clark & Ringwood, 1964) and the data on the graphite-diamond inversion (Bundy *et al.*, 1961; Kennedy & Kennedy, 1976) predicts P,T conditions for the crystallization of diamond.

The conditions at which diamond may crystallize, along with its inclusions and coexisting silicate phases, are equated with the conditions of crystallization of lherzolite and eclogite xenoliths, some of which are diamond-bearing. Although the parent magmas to those crystallizing diamond may be initially at  $T > 1400^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $P \geq 55$  kb, diamond cannot begin to crystallize at  $T > 1300^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $P = 55$  kb (see fig. 55 for the relationship of diamond stability field and conditions of crystallization of xenoliths). Obviously, the diamond-precipitating magmas cannot cool to temperatures below the ambient conditions, i.e.  $900\text{--}970^{\circ}\text{C}$  at 40 kb. Thus, considering the range of mantle P,T conditions defined by the South African lherzolite xenoliths, including diamond-bearing examples, there is a "diamond window" of  $900\text{--}1300^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 40-55 kb in which diamond crystallization occurred. These conditions are very close to the experimentally determined diamond-graphite boundary.

Temperature and pressure estimates for inclusions in diamond are problematic, because a full set of minerals required to give an estimate via the method of this work is rarely present in one diamond. However, T estimates via methods other than cpx-opx thermometry do show the expected range (Dawson, 1980; Hervig *et al.*, 1980; Shree *et al.*, 1982) and the presence of both graphite and diamond within single eclogites of inferred igneous origin (Hatton & Gurney, 1979) suggests conditions close to the graphite-diamond inversion. This window also places limits on the geographical distribution of diamond-bearing igneous rocks.

This window also places limits on the geographical distribution of diamond-bearing igneous rocks. The relatively low temperatures required for the formation of diamond at these depths exist only in areas with an old lithosphere. Younger parts of continents have higher ambient temperatures for equal depths and will not allow the crystallization of diamonds. This explains why diamond-bearing igneous rocks are found within or adjacent to ancient shields, while those in younger areas are barren.

The characteristics of diamond and its inclusions can thus be explained without a chemical zonation of the upper mantle and/or deeper levels for diamond formation (Irfune *et al.*, 1982). Irfune *et al.* (1982) suggested that the upper mantle is chemically zoned in respect to Cr, where Cr-rich compositions are concentrated at deeper levels and that the Cr/Cr+Al value of garnet is an indicator for the equilibration pressure. Fig. 56 shows the P,T estimates for South African garnet lherzolites in respect to the Cr content of garnet. It is apparent that there is no correlation between the Cr content of garnet from lherzolites and the P,T condition of equilibration. In particular, garnets with Cr contents of up to 4 wt.% cover the entire range of P,T estimates and garnets with higher Cr contents occur also more or less evenly distributed over the greater part of the data range. It seems more likely that the Cr content of garnet is a reflection of the Cr content of the bulk rock composition and that the continental upper mantle is heterogeneous in its chemistry. In analogy with the results on spinel lherzolites from Lake Bullenmerri (Part I, this work) it is suggested that this heterogeneity is due to depletion by partial melting events with various degrees of extraction of magma. Like the uppermost mantle, all degrees of depletion may occur at any one depth. Unlike the uppermost mantle beneath areas of under-saturated basaltic volcanism containing extensive spinel lherzolite suites (cf. Part I and appendix 4) it is not

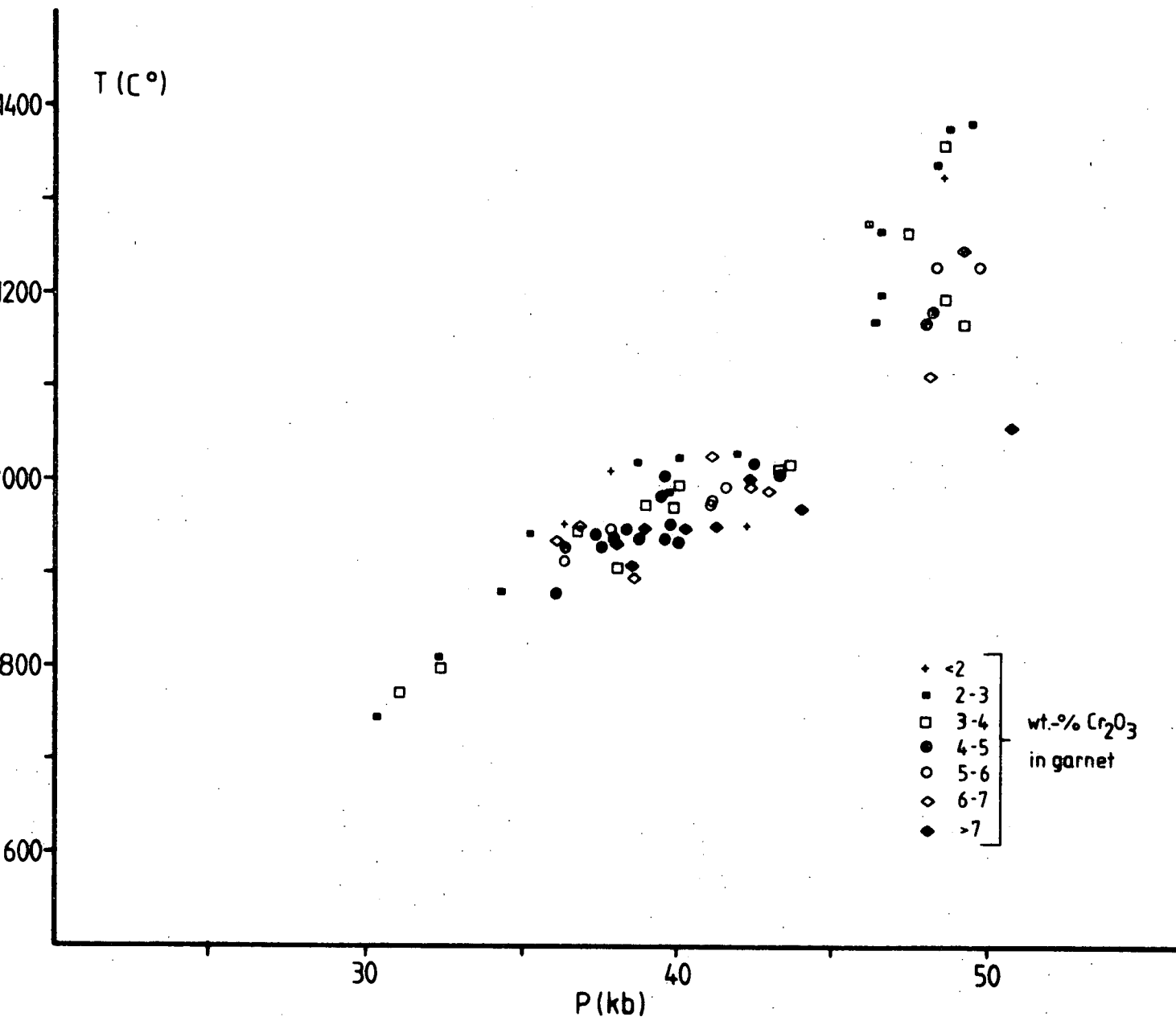


Figure 56: P,T estimates for South African garnet lherzolites from kimberlite in relation to the Cr content of the garnet. The plotted values were derived as outlined in fig. 51. Data sources see fig. 51.

yet possible to reliably infer a bulk composition for the deep upper mantle sampled by kimberlitic magmas (cf. appendix 4 for more detailed discussion).

Injection of kimberlitic magma into lherzolite wallrock may cause differing characteristics according to the P-T conditions of the wallrock. In fig. 57 a schematic diagram is drawn, in which the temperature of a portion of the mantle is raised to levels sufficient to produce kimberlite at about 160 km. The source of the heat may be attributed to a hot spot, shear heating or convective heating and has little influence on the distribution of isotherms around the heated area. The geometry of isotherms is such that a zone of partial melting exists with degrees  $\ll 1\%$  at greater depth (region A in fig. 57), grading into a region with  $< 1\%$  partial melt followed by a maximum of approximately  $1\%$  partial melt, which is thought to be the region of kimberlite formation (region B in fig. 57). On top of this zone is a region (C in fig. 57) where the amount of partial melt drops again to below  $1\%$ . At somewhat shallower levels the solidus is reached and there is a region (D in fig. 57), which is completely subsolidus, but has conditions close to its solidus. This zone is followed by a region, where no influence of the heat source is experienced and the isotherms are in accord with steady-state conditions (E in fig. 57). An injection of magma into the "hot" regions C and D will favour wallrock-magma interaction and the following processes are envisaged:

- addition: infiltration metasomatism with complete/incomplete equilibration with wallrock
- subtraction: the wallrock is slightly above solidus temperatures and the partial melt may be leached into the magma
- diffusion interaction: at high temperatures diffusion could become an effective way of exchange between magma and wallrock. Hot fluids released upon crystallization of the injected magma may have a part in the process.

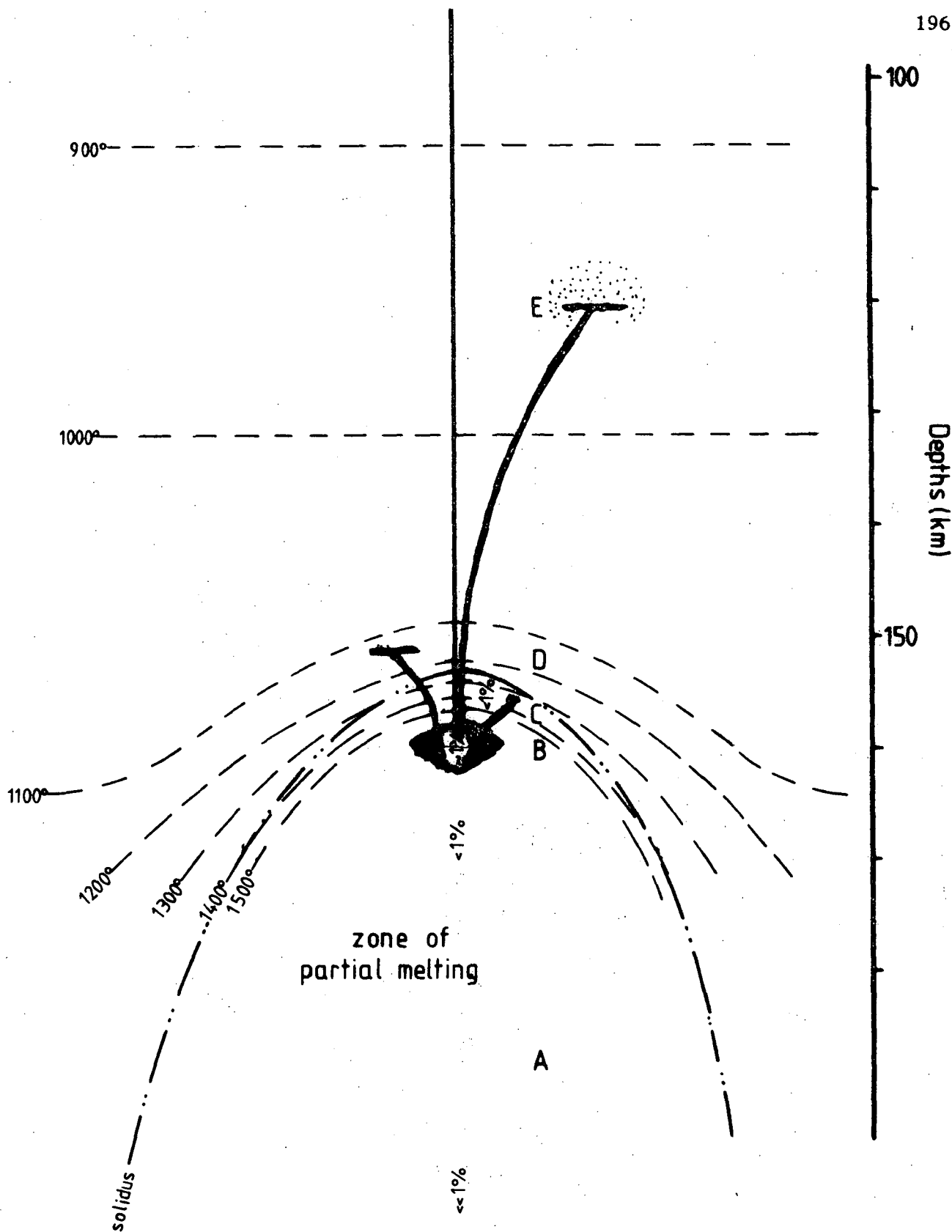


Figure 57: Schematic picture of the influence of a heat source on isotherms, partial melting, and magma-wallrock interaction. Dashed lines are isotherms in °C. 900° and 1000°C isotherms are from Clark & Ringwood (1964, shield geotherm), dash-dotted line is the solidus for the system "pyrolite + 0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O" (Green, 1973b, Green & Lievermann, 1976). Indicated degrees of partial melting are inferred from Green & Liebermann (1976), capital letters A to E indicate regions with different degrees of partial melting and different styles of magma-wallrock interaction (see text). Blackened areas represent possible magma concentrations and paths.

- combination of processes above: multiple events may include successions such as a first addition, a leaching by a second event, and diffusion interaction in the wake of this.

If kimberlitic magma is injected into cooler regions (shallower levels, region E in fig. 57), then a direct interaction between magma and lherzolite wallrock is probably more limited, because the magma will crystallize more quickly. Processes similar to those suggested for spinel lherzolites from Lake Bullenmerri (this work) are envisaged, i.e. an interaction via released volatiles from the crystallizing magma. Simple hydration may account for secondary phlogopites in the sense of Carswell (1975). It should be noted that "hydration" is used here in a loose sense, incorporating volatiles other than H<sub>2</sub>O (e.g. F, Cl). Solubilities of elements in fluids under the conditions of the upper mantle are largely unknown, but metasomatism by such fluids is likely to affect concentrations of minor and trace elements.

Fig. 57 is a schematic diagram showing possible relations between kimberlite formation and wallrock lherzolite. It is not implied that all processes seen in xenoliths have to be due to one single event or happening at one time. Isotopic studies show wide ranges of isotopic ratios for minerals from nodules (Menzies & Murthy, 1980b) which may be explained by isotopic disequilibrium (Erlank *et al.*, 1982; Richardson *et al.*, 1982) or by repeated metasomatic events at different times, including recent events (Menzies & Murthy, 1980b). Differences in apparent ages between diamonds and host rocks (Gurney & Harris, 1982) suggest repeated processes on a large time scale. If the theory of the lithosphere behaving as a cold boundary layer is correct and the region of approximately 160-180 km depth has usually temperatures of about 1400-1500°C, then the existence of a low-velocity zone at that depth is likely. Some geophysical constraints argue for the existence of a low-velocity zone at a depth of 150-200 km (Hales, 1981). If this is the case repeated processes of kimberlite injection into the lithosphere are most probable.

The Russian samples may be interpreted in a similar way. Low temperature xenoliths are in agreement with the shield geotherm of Clark & Ringwood (1964) to depths up to approximately 160-170 km, but most of the xenoliths recording the highest temperatures deviate from this geotherm towards higher temperatures (fig. 51). This is interpreted as the lower temperature limb of an array of deep-seated nodules with a range of temperature recordings, paralleling the South African trend. However, more data, particularly for high-temperature xenoliths, are needed to substantiate this analogy.

Samples of garnet lherzolites from The Thumb locality (U.S.A., Ehrenberg, 1979, 1982) have a record of temperatures between about 1000° and 1200°C within the narrow pressure range of 36-39 kb. Like the South African samples the equilibration conditions of the xenoliths with the highest recorded temperatures intersect the solidus for the system "pyrolite +0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O", but in this case at shallower levels (fig. 54). The garnet lherzolites are included in a lamprophyre, not a kimberlite, and the differences in magma types are inferred to reflect different P,T conditions for the formation of the magma. The sampled area is not part of an Archaean lithosphere, but is of younger age (Condie, 1976) with a higher heat flow (1.3-1.6 h.f.u. compared to  $\approx$ 1.0 of South Africa; Ehrenberg, 1982; Clarke & Ringwood, 1964). The younger age of the lithosphere may relate to a thinner lithosphere, allowing the heat source (hot spot, convecting mantle) to reach shallower levels. If the temperatures reach similar levels as suggested for South Africa (i.e. 1400-1500°C) but at shallower levels, higher degrees of partial melting of a peridotitic source are expected for equal amounts of volatiles present. This may be the reason for the difference in the chemistry of the host rock of these American samples compared to kimberlite.

Fig. 58 shows the range of P,T estimates for garnet lherzolites from alnoites and olivine nephelinite from Malaita (Solomon Islands)



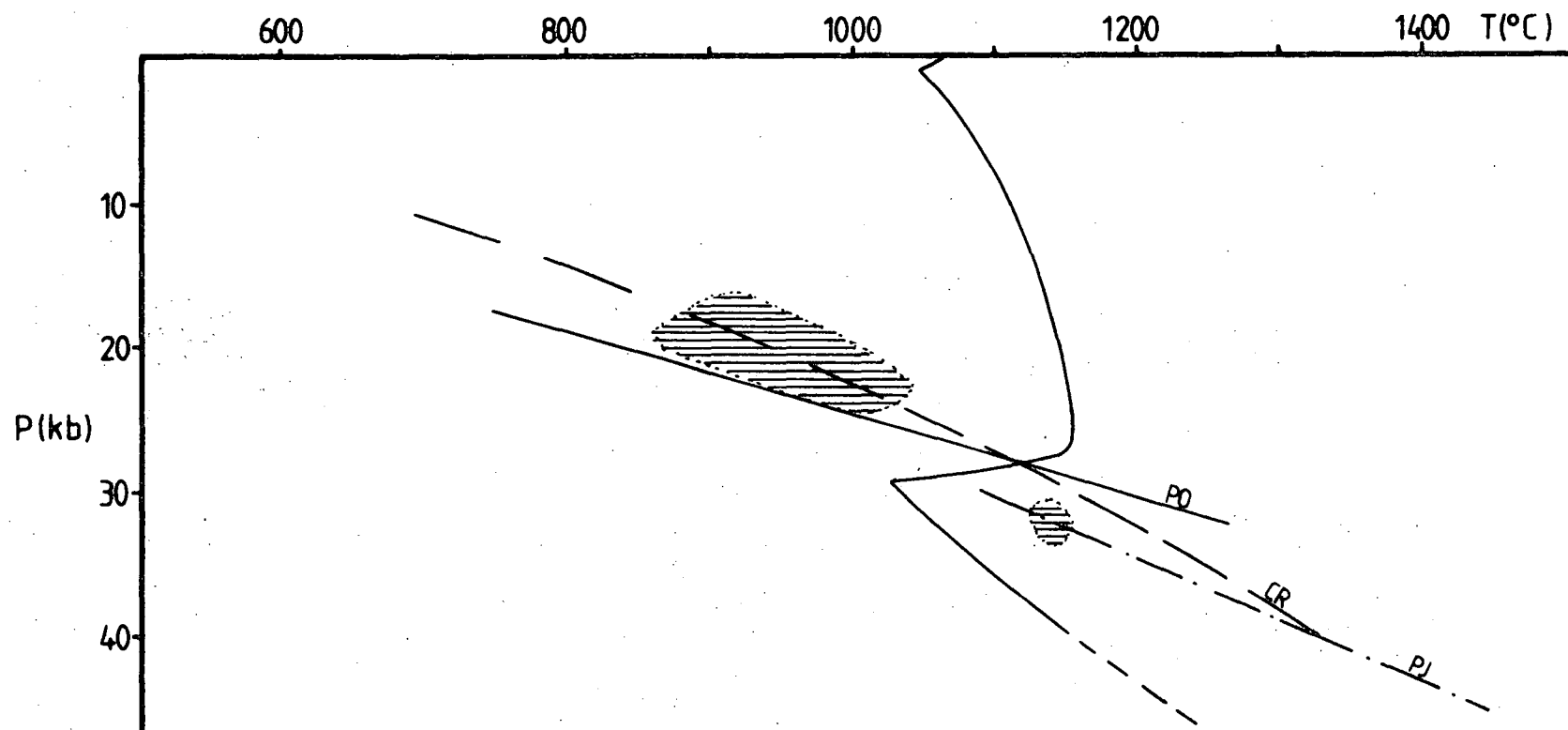


Figure 58: P,T estimates for garnet lherzolite inclusions from Malaita, Ile Bizard and New South Wales in relation to the solidus for the system "pyrolite + 0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O" (Green , 1973b; Green & Liebermann, 1976) and geotherms for oceanic regions (PO = Parker & Oldenburg, 1973, for 100 Ma; CR = Clark & Ringwood, 1974; PJ = Peltier & Jarvis, 1982 for whole mantle convection and lherzolite model). Shaded area is the range of P,T estimates from fig. 54.

(Nixon & Boyd, 1979), N.S.W. (Australia) (Ferguson & Sheraton, 1979) and Ile Bizard (Canada) (Raeside & Helmstaedt, 1982) in comparison to the solidus for the system "pyrolite + 0.2% H<sub>2</sub>O" and various oceanic geotherms (Clark & Ringwood, 1964; Parker & Oldenburg, 1973; Peltier & Jarvis, 1982). It is apparent that both geotherms from differing models of mantle convection (Parker & Oldenburg, 1973, for oceanic plates  $\leq 100$  Ma; and Peltier & Jarvis, 1982, for whole mantle convection) are in agreement with the steady-state (non-convective) geotherm of Clark & Ringwood (1964) for oceanic regimes in the region of interest. The P,T estimates are thus not capable of distinguishing between mantle models for oceanic regions, but show these nodules as being equilibrated in a "normal" oceanic P-T environment. It is interesting to note that all three suites show lherzolites with coexisting garnet and spinel in the range of 16-22 kb and 850-1050°C. The spinels of these assemblages are strongly aluminous compared to primary spinels from South African garnet-spinel lherzolites (Nixon & Boyd, 1973a; Carswell *et al.*, 1979). The field for coexisting garnet and spinel is therefore likely to be closer to the univariant reaction  $sp + px = gt + fo$  in the system CMAS than the South African samples. The effects of Cr/Cr+Al and Fe/Fe+Mg on this reaction tend to cancel against each other to some extent (Evans & Trommsdorff, 1978). The P,T estimates for these rocks are indeed close to this boundary (cf. fig. 13).

The two high-temperature xenoliths from Malaita would contain partial melts under the estimated P,T conditions in the presence of volatiles. The peculiar texture of these rocks (both contain "shattered" ortho- and/or clinopyroxenes, Nixon & Boyd, 1979) may be related to this, because the low-temperature garnet lherzolites of the same suite do not exhibit this feature (Nixon & Boyd, 1979). The exception of one low temperature rock with this textural characteristic may be related to an igneous history of this sample (ol-websterite).

Summarizing, the distribution of P,T estimates for equilibration conditions of garnet lherzolites differ between provinces and host rocks. Both the character of the host rocks and the differences between provinces are likely to reflect different ages and thicknesses of the sampled lithosphere.

The largest parts of the lithosphere have P,T conditions in accord with steady-state (non-convective) geotherms. This outline of the geotherms may however also be interpreted as the result of the lithosphere behaving as a cold boundary layer above a convecting mantle.

The xenoliths from continental areas with the highest recorded temperatures have equilibrated within a narrow pressure interval. These recordings are interpreted as a strong perturbation of isotherms due to a heat source, which caused partial melting at those depths and slightly deeper levels. Comparing the P,T estimates for the high-temperature xenoliths with melting studies on peridotitic rocks and liquidus studies on kimberlite, South African kimberlites are inferred to have originated at depths of about 160-180 km and at 1400-1500°C.

Megacrysts, cumulates and diamonds are regarded as precipitates from pre-dating magmas of probable kimberlitic character, fractionating and/or crystallizing under low  $fO_2$  conditions and at mantle depths. Diamonds in particular are inferred to crystallize from those pre-dating magmas between 40-55 kb and 900-1300°C. Diamonds, megacrysts and cumulates are thus commonly xenolithic/xenocrystic to their host kimberlite.

Garnet lherzolites were wallrocks to the sampling kimberlites and their chemistry is a reflection of a complex history, involving partial melting events and partial extraction of liquids. The data do not point to primitive composition, but rather a confusing mixture of a variety of processes in modifying parental and residual mantle compositions (see also appendix 4). Apart from the complexities of multiple partial melting events, interaction between wallrock and kimberlitic magmas passing through or crystallizing seems likely.

For situations of small temperature difference between the magma and wallrock (areas C and D in fig. 57) this interaction may be a pervasive and selective chemical change, including major element variations. For situations of larger temperature difference (area E in fig. 57) then the alteration of the wallrock is largely one of hydration (phlogopite, K-richterite growth) and metasomatic addition of the most volatile (i.e. concentrated in fluid phases) of the minor and trace elements.

# APPENDIX 1

Sample descriptions.  
Abbreviations as in table 2.

## I. LAKE BULLENMERRI

A-1: Lherzolites without hydrous phases or secondary assemblages after such.

- BM-54      Porphyroclastic to equigranular-mosaic textured, medium to fine grained (0.2-2 mm) with both large and small strained ol, opx; cpx mostly as smaller grains with interstitial character, sp as partly elongated patches of light brown colour, often in contact with cpx, but with triple-junctions; elongation and setting of interstitial grains show weak developed foliation; pyroxenes show no exsolutions, all phases fresh, but some traces of pale brownish glass are present as veinlets.
- BM-69      Porphyroclastic with medium to coarse grainsize (0.5-4 mm), strained ol and partly large opx, cpx dominantly interstitial and small, sp as small interstitial grains and patches of brown colour in holly-leaf shape, sp is concentrated in bands or layers; all phases fresh with no reactions or exsolutions.
- BM-99      Porphyroclastic with medium to coarse grainsize (0.5-4 mm), strained ol, some opx with rounded inclusions of ol, cpx, sp, interstitial cpx, rare reddish-brown sp as small interstitial grains or small patches, mostly with cpx contact; all phases fresh with no reactions or exsolutions.
- BM-160     Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (0.5-4 mm), large strained ol, partly large opx and dominantly interstitial cpx, interstitial small grains and partly large patches of brown sp (up to 4 mm); no reactions or exsolutions between or in minerals; some veinlets of brownish glass are present.

A-2: Lherzolites with amphibole.

- BM-9      Coarse (0.5-5 mm), porphyroclastic with strong developed foliation, large ol-with slightly flattened shape and strain features, opx, rare primary interstitial pale green cpx, primary sp is strongly elongated in direction of the foliation and holly-leaf shaped, sp is surrounded by patches of amphib breakdown products (=Abdwn) with the typical assemblage cpx II, sp II, glass, ol II as described in appendix 2; inside the patches amphib is partly preserved, Abdwn occurs also as often rounded or sub-euhedral

shaped individual patches without core of sp I, cpx has sometimes coronas or breakdown halos, where irregular traces of glass are visible, opx shows weakly developed exsolutions of cpx.

- BM-15      Porphyroclastic to equigranular-mosaic, fine grained (1 mm, except for sp), ol with little or no strain features, common opx and cpx, sp as partly large (2-3 mm) patches of light brown colour, but also as small grains; sp is always associated with, but not surrounded by minor amph; amph occurs also as individual grains without sp-contact, all phases fresh, no exsolutions or breakdown.
- BM-27      Porphyroclastic to protogranular, coarse (up to 5 mm) with strained ol, opx, cpx and sp both as small interstitial grains and large (up to several mm) patches, where sp has rounded inclusions of opx and ol; minor to rare amph in contact with larger sp, but sp mostly independent of amph present, few exsolutions in opx.
- BM-58      Porphyroclastic to equigranular-tabular, fine grained (0.2-1.5 mm), some larger ol grains within abundant recrystallized small ol, opx, cpx; sp as small interstitial grains and larger patches, sometimes surrounded by Abdn, containing amph I, some cpx breakdown halos developed, very few exsolutions.
- BM-62      Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (1-6 mm) with large ol, showing strong strain features, opx, common cpx; both pyroxenes show exsolutions of px and sp, cpx exsolves sometimes parallel and perpendicular to cleavage, but in some cases at high angle (app. 120°) to each other; sp occurs as interstitial patches, always in contact with amph. which show weak marginal breakdown. sp has frequently rounded inclusions of ol, px and is in a number of cases completely mantled by amph ± Abkdn.
- BM-74      Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (1-5 mm) with large strained ol and opx, minor cpx, small interstitial grains and larger patches of sp often, though not completely mantled or in contact with common amph; amph shows moderate marginal breakdown, cpx has sometimes exsolution of sp as platelets along cleavage.
- BM-134      Porphyroclastic, medium to coarse grained (1-4 mm) with well developed foliation, large strongly strained ol, large opx, minor cpx of variable grain size, patches and holly-leaf shaped elongated streaks of sp, mostly completely mantled by common amph, amph present with and without sp core, weak development of marginal breakdown of amph, pyroxenes show moderate development of mutual exsolution.

- BM-139 Protogranular to porphyroclastic, medium grained (0.5-3 mm), strained ol, opx, cpx, sp always mantled by amph; amph is abundant and has rounded to sub- and near-euhedral shape with some development of marginal breakdown, amph grains aligned in direction of foliation, some marginal breakdown of cpx, but no exsolutions observed.
- BM-147 Porphyroclastic, medium to coarse (0.5-3 mm, except for larger amph) with weak developed foliation, strained ol and opx, cpx of variable grainsize (up to 3 mm), rare sp as core of amph, amph is abundant with rounded to euhedral shape and weak marginal breakdown, cpx shows common exsolution of opx and marginal breakdown, opx exsolves cpx.
- BM-161 Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (0.5-4 mm), with large strained ol, opx, cpx, some patches, but mostly finely disseminated sp, mostly in contact or mantled by common amph, amph shows little breakdown at margins, some exsolutions of mutual character in pyroxenes.
- A-4: Lherzolites with wites of former hydrous phases.
- BM-48 Porphyroclastic, coarse to medium grained (1-4 mm) with weak fabric, strained large ol, opx, minor interstitial cpx and patchy or disseminated red-brown sp, patches of Abdwn mostly associated with sp or cpx, cpx develops marginal breakdown, opx often shows exsolution of cpx  $\pm$  sp, some veinlets of brownish glass present.
- BM-144 Prorogranular, coarse (1-5 mm) with large strained ol, opx, and cpx of variable grainsize, few patches and small disseminated grains of sp, minor patches of Abdwn, the glass of which appears often brownish (possible contribution of phlogopite breakdown?), veinlets of brownish glass present, some mutual exsolution of pyroxenes, cpx exsolves also sp, patches of Abdwn occur with or without contact to sp.
- BM-162 Prorogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (0.5-5 mm) with large strained ol, opx and cpx of variable grainsize, few holly-leaf shaped patches and finely disseminated grains of sp, amph is not preserved, but some patches of Abdwn are present, often in contact with sp, cpx shows minor exsolution of sp, very few cpx exsolution in opx.

A-5: Lherzolites with amphibole and phlogopite.

BM-143 Equigranular moasic to porphyroclastic, fine to medium grained (0.2-3 mm) with little or unstrained ol of variable grain size, generally smaller opx and cpx, but clusters of small recrystallized cpx have the outline of former very large cpx grains (app. 1 cm), sp as disseminated small grains and some patches, amph occurs both as smaller interstitial grains and larger grains with or without sp contact, rare phlo of similar character present, hydrous phases fresh, but some brownish glass as veinlets or along grain boundaries.

A-6: Fe-rich lherzolites.

BM-47 Porphyroclastic, coarse to medium grained (1-3 mm), with weak foliation, large ol with only few strain features, variable, but mostly small opx and minor cpx, large and abundant amph, amph with moderate marginal breakdown, so sp I observed, pyroxenes with some mutual exsolution.

BM-154 Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (0.5-6 mm), with large ol with only few strain features, mostly small opx and cpx, rare sp as core of amph or cpx, often large and abundant amph, showing strong marginal to penetrative breakdown, no exsolutions observed.

A-7: Lherzolites with banded character.

BM-137 The specimen shows evidence for banded or layered character, zones of ol-enrichment have lherzolitic/wehrlitic mineralogy, medium grain size (0.5-2.5 mm) containing mainly ol, cpx, some opx, rare sp, adjacent to zones of relative opx enrichment, followed by a zone dominated by large poikilitic cpx (1 cm, inclusions of opx, amph, sp) with breakdown features plus sp and amph, the amph shows some marginal breakdown; in this portion of the rock pockets exist, where large ol (1 cm) occur together with the lherzolitic/wehrlitic assemblage as described above.

B: Wehrlites

The textures of the wehrlites could be described in the majority of cases in the same terms as used for lherzolites, but at least one sample (BM-152) shows evidence for cumulus processes and the others are interpreted as also originally being cumulus textured. This is supported by the hand specimens, where cpx seems to form an interstitial phase along with amph; a clear cumulus texture however has been largely eliminated by recrystallization processes.



- BM-18 Granular, coarse (up to 7 mm) with large strained ol, cpx, rare interstitial opx, some coarse cpx, large and common amph have sometimes sp core and are often rimmed by cpx; large cpx show strong development of opx exsolution and partly poikilitic, rare interstitial ap, amph shows partial breakdown, discrete patches of Abdn present.
- BM-51 Strongly foliated, medium grained (0.2-2 mm, except for some large amph) with large ol with few strain features plus largely recrystallized ol and cpx, amph occurs as partly large rounded grains (up to 1 cm) and as subhedral smaller grains, showing dislocations, but no breakdown, rare sp as core of amph, cpx often in contact with amph, minor to rare interstitial ap.
- BM-135 Equigranular-mosaic to porphyroclastic, fine grained (0.2-1 mm) with few larger strained ol amidst strongly recrystallized ol + cpx, abundant and partly large amph, showing strong marginal or penetrative breakdown, no opx, no sp I observed, no exsolutions.
- BM-142 Porphyroclastic to equigranular mosaic, medium to fine grained (0.4-2 mm) with large and small ol (larger are strained), minor poikilitic cpx, in contact with abundant patches of Abdn, no sp I, opx amph observed.
- BM-152 Cumulate textured rock with ol of variable grain size (0.2-6 mm) with typically rounded shape within a matrix of predominantly cpx and minor amph, cpx with exsolutions of opx; incorporated in the rock are pockets of dunitic material with rare sp and bright green cpx in contrast to the black (in hand specimen) matrix cpx; amph shows few breakdown features.

C: Harzburgites.

- BM-163 Protogranular, coarse (1-7 mm) with large strained ol, common opx, sp as cores of amph, amph with minor breakdown, opx has commonly exsolutions of cpx.

D: Hornblendites.

- BM-117 Coarse grained (2-5 mm), intergrowth textured, mainly amph with minor phlo and ilm, rare titanomagnetite and very rare ol; amph has frequently exsolutions of ilm, ilm occurs also as interstitial patches and as discrete grains with euhedral shape, very small grains of titanomagnetite inside or interstitial to amph; ol is associated with brownish glass.

BM-156 Coarse grained (2-10 mm) intergrowth of amph with minor phlo and ilm as BM-117, containing a pocket of fine grained (0.1-0.4 mm) cpx, opx, phlo within amph matrix and minor ilm, amph shows rare marginal breakdown.

G: Cumulate textured wehrlite.

BM-168 Cumulate textured rock, coarse (up to 8 mm) with large sub- to euhedral unstrained ol, poikilitic cpx with inclusions of ol and amph, interstitial amph and minor phlo, very rare interstitial opx, cpx and amph show some marginal breakdown, in some bigger spaces between large ol and cpx a dark brown glass contains small euhedral ol.

E/F: Composite xenoliths.

BM-109 Amphibole-bearing lherzolite cut by hornblendite vein; lherzolite: porphyroclastic to protogranular, medium to coarse (1-5 mm) with ol with few strain features, opx, cpx, minor sp partly being rimmed by amph of light brown-pale brown pleochroic character, phases fresh with rare cpx exsolution in opx; crosscutting hornblendite; intergrown amph with minor phlo, cpx, the amph is pale to dark yellowish brown pleochroic, poikilitic with numerous small inclusions of cpx, individual amph grains exceed 1 cm, phlo of variable grain size is also poikilitic with often rounded inclusions of cpx, pockets in the vein consist of cpx and rare opx with some interstitial brownish glass; the two rock types are separated very sharply with little signs of reactions with each other.

BM-114 Gt-pyroxenite plus amphib-clinopyroxenite; gt-pyroxenite: metamorphic texture, medium to large gt (1-5 mm) with sub- to euhedral shape within medium to fine grained (0.2-1 mm) cpx and minor to rare opx, gt has thick kelyphitic rims, extending into the crystal along cracks, some patches of small cpx + green sp marginal to gt present, abundance of patches increases towards amphib-clinopyroxenite: coarse (1-6 mm) intergrowth of cpx + amph, marginal to gt-pyroxenite, some bigger patches of green sp.

BM-116 Gt-pyroxenite + clinopyroxenite + amphib-lherzolite; gt-pyroxenite: medium to large (1-5 mm) sub- to euhedral gt in a matrix of smaller (0.2-1 mm) cpx and minor to rare opx, gt has thin kelyphitic rims extending into the crystal only along major cracks, marginal to gt patches of predominantly cpx + green sp of fine to very fine grain size (0.3 mm); this zone is followed by the assemblage

cpx + amph, coarse (1-4 mm), where cpx has frequently wormy intergrowth with green sp, followed by a zone of cpx with minor brown interstitial sp, this zone is followed, sharply separated from it, by lherzolite: porphyroclastic, medium grained (1-3 mm) with strained ol, common opx and cpx, common sp; minor amph in contact with sp.

## II. MT LEURA

A: Lherzolites without hydrous phases or secondary assemblages after those.

LE-50      Porphyroclastic, edium grained (0.5-4 mm) with larger little strained ol, opx, smaller insterstitial cpx, patches (up to 4 mm) of sp, elongated in direction of foliation, no exsolutions observed.

LE-532      Porphyroclastic, medium grained (0.5-3 mm) with strained ol, opx and minor small interstitial cpx, sp as small interstitial grains or patches, weakly aligned in direction of foliation, cpx often, but not exclusively in contact with sp, no exsolutions observed.

LE-539      Porphyroclastic to protogranular, medium to coarse (0.5-4 mm) with large strained ol, opx, common small cpx, sp as patches aligned along a well developed foliation, some rounded inclusions of ol in sp, sp often in contact with cpx, but also with triple-junctions, no exsolutions observed.

LE-2664      Protogranular, coarse (1-4 mm) with large strained ol, opx, common cpx of variable grainsize, minor to rare sp as small interstitial grains or patches, minor mutual exsolution of px.

A-2: Lherzolites with amphibole.

LE-2641      Protogranular, coarse (2-8 mm) with large strained ol, opx, common cpx of variable grainsize, small interstitial grains and larger patches of sp, rare amph and minor patches of Abdwn, mostly in contact with sp, cpx shows frequent exsolution of opx and sometimes of sp, opx exsolves cpx.

A-3: Lherzolites with phlogopite.

LE-67      Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (1-5 mm) with large strained ol, opx, minor small cpx, sp as weakly elongated and aligned patches, rare sub- to euhedral phlo, very few exsolutions in opx.

LE-68 Porphyroclastic, coarse (0.5-7 mm) with large strained ol, opx, mostly small common cpx, sp as small interstitial patches, rare small euhedral phlo, no exsolutions observed.

A-4: Lherzolites with sites of former hydrous phases.

LE-4 Porphyroclastic, fine to medium grained (0.3-2.5 mm) with large strained ol, opx, common cpx of variable grainsize, sp patches are weakly aligned along a moderate developed foliation, minor patches of Abdwn, no exsolutions observed, cpx shows commonly a marginal breakdown.

LE-19 Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (1-5 mm) with large strained ol, opx, minor cpx of variable grainsize, sp as patchy cores of Abdwn, those patches of Abdwn are abundant with or without sp core, opx shows frequent exsolutions of cpx.

LE-544 Protogranular to porphyroclastic, coarse (1-9 mm) with large strained ol, opx, common cpx of variable grainsize, small interstitial grains or larger, often elongated patches of sp, very rare small patches of Abdwn attached to sp, cpx and opx show mutual exsolution and exsolution of sp.

LE-2662 Porphyroclastic, medium grained (0.5-2.5 mm) with large strained ol, smaller opx and common cpx, minor to rare small interstitial sp, few patches of Abdwn, opx shows few exsolutions of cpx + ?sp, cpx has moderate to large breakdown halos.

B: Wehrlites

LE-27 Granular to porphyroclastic, medium grained (1-3 mm) with strong foliation, larger strained ol and common cpx, common phlo as elongated patches in direction of foliation, minor sp occurs as small interstitial grains or as inclusions in ol, rare opx, minor patches of phlo breakdown with dark brown glass, cpx sometimes with breakdown halo.

E: Composite xenoliths.

LE-00 Lherzolite crosscut by phlogopite vein; lherzolite: porphyroclastic to equigranular-tabular (0.2-3 mm), with some larger strained ol, generally smaller opx and cpx, minor interstitial grains of sp, often in contact with or mantled by cpx, all phases fresh, except where cpx is bordering the vein, some small breakdown halos; vein: thin (app. 1 mm) line of phlo grains, crosscutting the foliation of the lherzolite nearly perpendicular.

## APPENDIX 2

### Breakdown of pargasitic amphibole in lherzolite nodules.

Pargasitic amphibole in lherzolitic nodules from Lake Bullenmerri shows various stages of breakdown to a secondary assemblage. The breakdown assemblage consists of clear to somewhat turbid glass, a number of clinopyroxene grains with variably developed habits, small olivine and small to very small euhedral spinel grains.

Pargasitic amphibole is distributed more or less evenly in the majority of amphibole-bearing nodules and occurs as rounded, but also as angular, subhedral or euhedral grains. The size of the grains is variable and in some cases exceeds the size of the other phases. Even though it is generally well distributed, amphibole shows often an intimate relation with spinel. Spinel is commonly, though not exclusively, in contact with amphibole and is frequently completely rimmed by it. The shape of the spinel in spinel lherzolites is often patchy, elongated, or "holly-leaf"-like (Mercier & Nicholas, 1975), interstitial to olivine and orthopyroxene. This embayed shape is also shown where amphibole is rimming spinel (fig.59). Therefore the spinel of this shape is regarded as primary, even when rimmed by amphibole.

In the majority of cases the amphibole shows partial to complete breakdown. Various stages are observed, typically starting with a marginal breakdown (fig.60). Subsequently larger parts of the grain are affected (fig.61), eventually only patches of the secondary assemblage are left (fig.62).

In anhydrous lherzolites there is often an intimate relation between spinel and clinopyroxene. The formation of secondary amphibole requires both (spinel + pyroxene + fluid = amphibole, Francis, 1976a). The patches of secondary assemblages appear therefore often close to clinopyroxene. Clinopyroxene is also likely to have breakdown halos due to heating and/or decompression (Frey & Green, 1974). The two different breakdown phenomena can be distinguished, because the breakdown of clinopyroxene yields only irregular traces of glass, typically marginal (cf. fig. 1 of Kleemann *et al.*, 1969). Some interaction between amphibole and clinopyroxene breakdown seems possible, but not generally necessary.

Microprobe analyses of the secondary phases in comparison to the primary assemblage are listed in table 17. The main differences are the higher Mg-values (=  $Mg/(Mg+Fe)$ ) of olivine, clinopyroxene and spinel, the lower Na content of clinopyroxene and the lower Cr value (=  $Cr/(Cr+Al)$ ) of

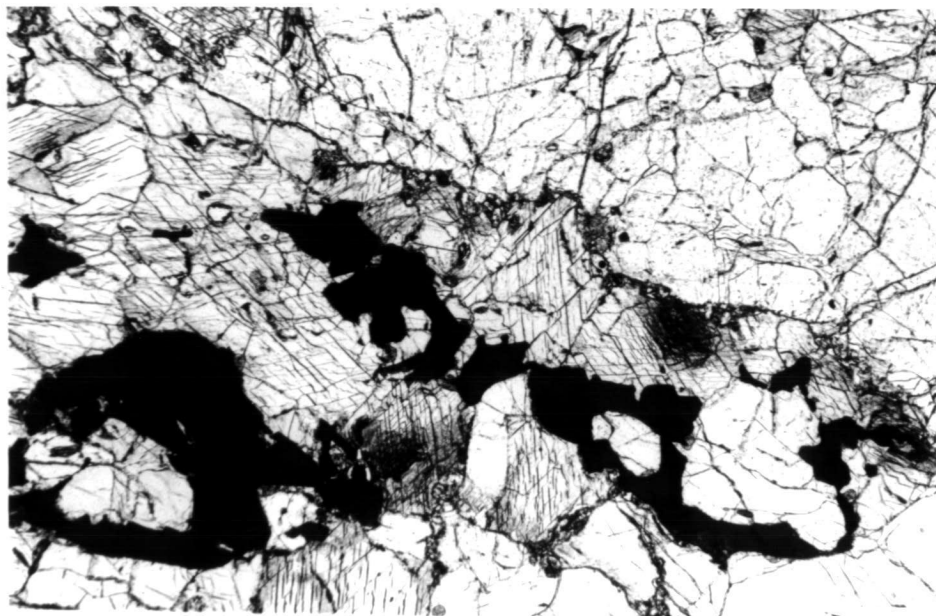


Figure 59: "Holly-leaf" shaped spinel incompletely surrounded by fresh amphibole. Sample BM-134, width of field approx. 2 mm.

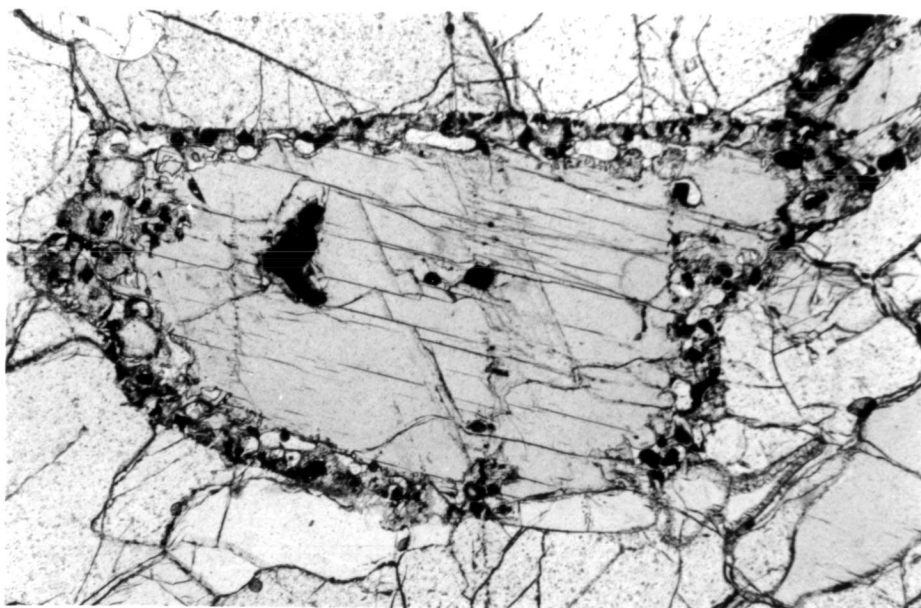


Figure 60: Amphibole with small spinels in the core and marginal breakdown. Sample BM-154, width of field approx. 2 mm.

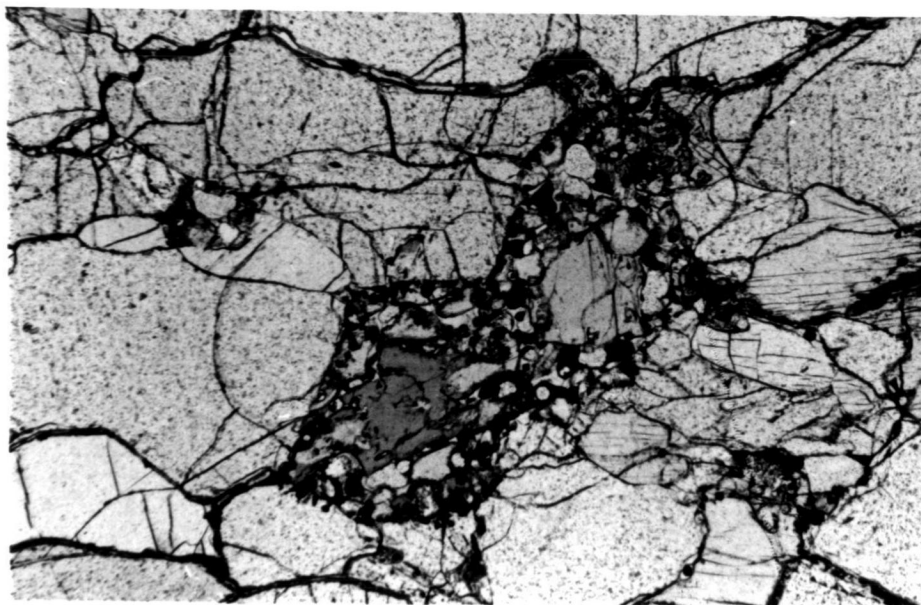


Figure 61: Largely broken-down amphibole, preserved in the centre.  
Sample BM-154, width of field approx. 2 mm.

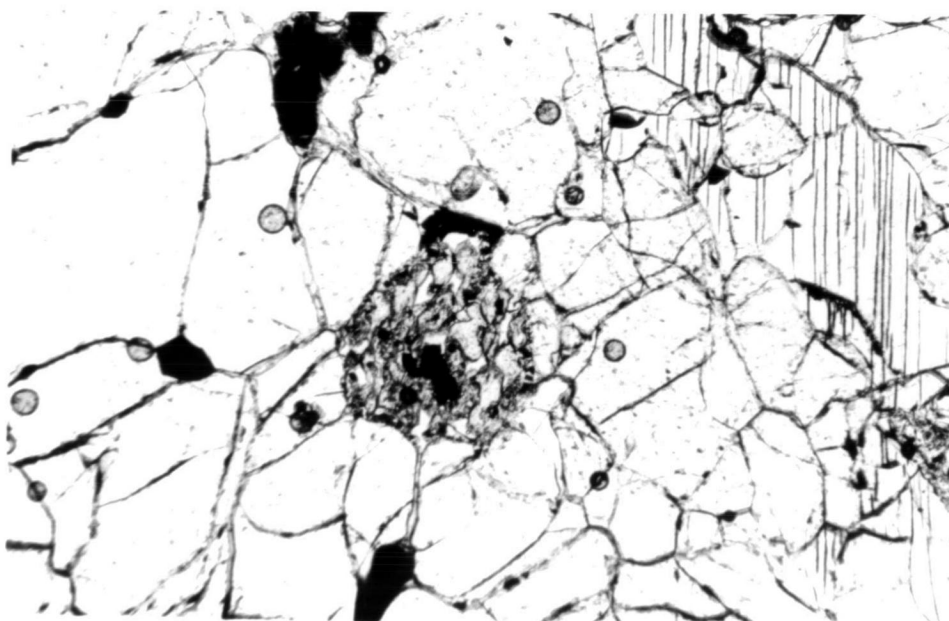


Figure 62: Patch of secondary assemblage after amphibole with some  
primary spinel in the centre of the assemblage.  
Sample BM-9, width of field approx. 4 mm.

Table 17

BM-9						
	primary			secondary		
	cpx	sp	amph	cpx	sp	glass
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.31		3.45	0.87		6.79
MgO	15.24	13.14	17.04	16.50	17.89	2.01
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.34	16.75	10.22	3.48	26.21	22.43
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.84		42.12	52.47		59.69
K <sub>2</sub> O			0.96			1.85
CaO	19.26		9.42	21.63		4.34
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.34		0.26	0.38
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.95	52.57	3.19	3.04	42.83	
FeO*	2.07	16.88	2.95	1.94	13.44	2.44
Total	100.01	99.34	89.69	99.93	100.60	99.93
Mg*	92.86	58.11	91.12	93.80	73.2	59.48
Cr*	37.17	67.8	17.29	37.0	52.3	
Mg*(ol)	91.02			93.5		

BM-154						
	primary			secondary		
	cpx	sp	amph	cpx	sp	glass
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.76		2.85	1.10		6.28
MgO	15.45	14.55	16.06	16.10	18.66	2.78
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.34	28.22	12.25	6.30	40.81	21.02
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.67		41.47	50.59		57.70
K <sub>2</sub> O			1.23			2.88
CaO	20.03		10.32	19.94		5.06
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.29	1.25	0.95	0.64	1.33
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.70	37.55	2.24	2.22	26.19	
FeO*	3.06	18.12	4.31	2.80	13.13	2.96
Total	100.01	98.73	91.98	100.00	99.43	100.01
Mg*	89.96	58.90	86.91	91.12	71.68	62.66
Cr*	20.85	47.17	10.95	19.16	30.10	
Mg*(ol)	87.12			90.47		



spinel in the secondary assemblage. A wider spread in mineral analyses (averages given) of secondary clinopyroxene indicates some zonation in respect to Cr and Al. These differences in chemistry are identical to those observed in other studies on amphibole breakdown in nodules from Victoria and elsewhere (Francis, 1976a; Frey & Green, 1974; Kleeman *et al.*, 1969; Stosch & Seck, 1980).

The analysed glass is in apparent disequilibrium with the highly magnesian phases of the secondary assemblage. For the given Mg-value of the glass (59-63) an olivine of about Fo<sub>86</sub> would be in equilibrium (Irving, 1971). Attempts have been made to model the composition of a preserved amphibole with partial breakdown as a combination of the analysed phases of the secondary assemblage (amph = x% cpx + y% ol + z% sp + w% glass), but no good fit could be obtained. This is seen as further evidence for disequilibrium of the analysed glass with the secondary assemblage.

The compositions of the analysed glasses vary little within the individual assemblages, but Frey & Green (1974) reported considerable variation, especially close to mineral phases. This is in line with quenching behaviour of silicate melts in experiments (Green, 1973b) and may be present but was not sought in samples of this study. The presence of quench material is regarded as the cause of the apparent disequilibrium, the analysed glass is not representative of the original melt.

The presence of glass in all cases and of plagioclase in some examples indicates that dehydration/melting occurred at pressures and temperatures around 1 kb and  $T > 1000^{\circ}\text{C}$  (cf. Holloway, 1973). The partial preservation of amphibole in many nodules argues for a process during which the thermal stability limit was not exceeded for prolonged times or by a large temperature margin.

Summarizing, the following conclusions have been drawn:

1. Due to decompression and heating from ambient temperatures to  $T > 1000^{\circ}\text{C}$  amphibole of pargasitic character breaks down to a secondary assemblage of clinopyroxene, olivine, spinel and glass during the transport to the surface.
2. The thermal stability limit of pargasite in lherzolite was not greatly exceeded and/or was not exceeded for prolonged times.
3. Patches of the characteristic secondary assemblage without preservation of amphibole were derived from original amphibole and do not represent partial melting of the lherzolite assemblage (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, spinel) (Maaløe & Prinzlau, 1979).

## Appendix 3

## Averages of microprobe analyses of mineral phases in xenoliths

## Abbreviations:

opx: orthopyroxene, cpx: clinopyroxene, sp: spinel, amph: amphibole, ol: olivine  
phlo: phlogopite, ilm: ilmenite, Mg': Mg/Mg+Fe, Ca': Ca/Ca+Mg+Fe, Cr': Cr/Cr+Al

Numbers in parenthesis indicate standard deviations from the average

## Group A-1: anhydrous lherzolites

Sample BM - 54

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		0.70 (.16)	.049	n.d.	
MgO	33.08 (.08)	1.700	16.70 (.24)	.898	20.07 (.17)	.787
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.75 (.30)	.193	5.49 (.15)	.233	52.69 (.19)	1.633
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.02 (.28)	1.896	52.66 (.26)	1.900		
CaO	0.84 (.04)	.031	20.82 (.25)	.805		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.47 (.08)	.013	0.93 (.11)	.027	15.70 (.22)	.326
FeO	5.86 (.207)	.169	2.70 (.12)	.082	10.41 (.01)	.229
Total	100.02	4.002	100.00	3.994	98.87	2.975
Mg'	90.96		91.63		77.46	
Ca'	1.63		45.10			
Cr'	6.31		10.38		16.64	
Mg'(ol)	90.58 (.06)					

Sample BM-69

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		0.81 (.09)	.057		
MgO	33.21 (.17)	1.706	17.08 (.04)	.918	20.36 (.33)	.809
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.74 (.17)	.193	5.25 (.14)	.223	50.39 (.78)	1.583
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.97 (.36)	1.895	52.83 (.09)	1.904		
CaO	0.71 (.06)	.026	20.58 (.11)	.795		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.41 (.08)	.011	0.97 (.08)	.028	17.45 (.73)	.368
FeO	5.76 (.13)	.166	2.48 (.07)	.075	11.03 (.51)	.246
Total	99.80	3.997	100.00	4.000	99.23	3.006
Mg'	91.13		92.45		76.68	
Ca'	1.37		44.46			
Cr'	5.39		11.16		18.86	
Mg'(ol)	90.48 (.04)					

Sample

BM - 99

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.51 (.11)	.105		
MgO	33.33 (.10)	1.712	15.91 (.21)	.855	18.86 (.27)	.771
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.77 (.25)	.153	5.39 (.23)	.229	44.18 (.44)	1.427
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.71 (.28)	1.919	53.42 (.23)	1.925		
CaO	0.77 (.04)	.028	19.70 (.14)	.760		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.48 (.07)	.013	1.38 (.09)	.039	25.27 (.20)	.548
FeO	5.94 (.07)	.171	2.69 (.12)	.081	11.68 (.26)	.268
Total	99.97	3.996	100.00	3.994	99.99	3.014
Mg'	90.92		91.35		74.21	
Ca'	1.47		44.80			
Cr'	7.83		14.55		27.75	
Mg'(ol)	90.34 (.10)					

Sample

BM - 160

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.18 (.09)	.082		
MgO	32.99 (.11)	1.699	16.28 (.06)	.875	20.09 (.14)	.797
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.03 (.23)	.205	6.26 (.15)	.266	51.15 (.45)	1.604
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.49 (.36)	1.882	52.18 (.16)	1.883		
CaO	0.78 (.02)	.029	19.81 (.12)	.766		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.45 (.06)	.012	1.11 (.06)	.032	16.16 (.28)	.340
FeO	6.02 (.06)	.174	2.78 (.05)	.084	11.46 (.55)	.255
Total	99.76	4.001	100.01	3.999	99.17	3.002
Mg'	90.71		91.24		75.76	
Ca'	1.52		44.41			
Cr'	5.53		10.74		17.50	
Mg'(ol)	90.03 (.12)					

Sample

LE - 00

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		2.28 (.09)	.159		
MgO	33.85 (.12)	1.736	15.69 (.11)	.841	16.61 (.31)	.729
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.76 (.16)	.112	5.17 (.11)	.219	29.46 (1.3)	1.023
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.41 (.34)	1.941	53.86 (.26)	1.938		
CaO	0.75 (.03)	.028	18.03 (.10)	.695		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.61 (.07)	.017	2.06 (.21)	.059	37.72 (1.3)	.879
TiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.		0.27 (.07)	.008	0.52 (.04)	.011
FeO	5.59 (.10)	.161	2.71 (.04)	.081	15.03 (.33)	.370
Total	99.97	3.995	100.07	4.000	99.34	3.012
Mg'	91.51		91.21		66.33	
Ca'	1.45		42.98			
Cr'	13.18		21.22		46.21	
Mg'(ol)	90.84 (.14)					

Sample

LE - 50

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		2.12 (.11)	.148		
MgO	32.75 (.21)	1.691	15.48 (.06)	.834	20.06 (.36)	.776
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.55 (.42)	.227	7.25 (.24)	.309	55.45 (.74)	1.696
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.79 (.35)	1.863	51.60 (.24)	1.866		
CaO	0.82 (.04)	.030	19.22 (.23)	.745		
TiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.		0.38 (.04)	.010	0.29 (.10)	.006
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.41 (.06)	.011	0.97 (.09)	.028	11.97 (.27)	.246
FeO	6.23 (.12)	.186	2.99 (.09)	.090	11.05 (.13)	.240
Total	99.55	4.002	100.01	4.030	98.82	2.964
Mg'	90.38		90.26		76.38	
Ca'	1.58		44.64			
Cr'	4.62		8.31		12.67	
Mg'(ol)	90.03 (.10)					

Sample

LE - 532

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.24 (.04)	.087		
MgO	33.81 (.15)	1.735	16.21 (.21)	.872	16.90 (.19)	.727
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.03 (.06)	.123	4.67 (.15)	.198	34.87 (.22)	1.180
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.15 (.207)	1.933	53.35 (.09)	1.926		
CaO	0.71 (.06)	.026	19.98 (.21)	.773		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.66 (.09)	.018	2.01 (.14)	.057	34.48 (.22)	.783
FeO	5.64 (.08)	.163	2.54 (.08)	.077	13.37 (.25)	.321
Total	100.00	3.998	100.00	3.990	99.62	3.011
Mg'	91.41		91.82		69.37	
Ca'	1.35		44.89			
Cr'	12.77		22.35		39.89	
Mg'(ol)	90.66 (.20)					

Sample

LE - 539

Phases	OPX		CPX		SP	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.69 (.12)	.118		
MgO	33.07 (.19)	1.703	15.70 (.10)	.843	20.66 (.207)	.814
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.40 (.22)	.179	6.28 (.17)	.267	52.67 (.30)	1.641
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.89 (.39)	1.897	52.70 (.20)	1.899		
CaO	0.63 (.06)	.023	19.39 (.09)	.749		
TiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.		0.38 (.05)	.010	n.d.	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.37 (.08)	.010	1.08 (.04)	.031	13.97 (.33)	.292
FeO	6.08 (.10)	.176	2.79 (.07)	.084	11.42 (.12)	.252
Total	99.44	3.988	100.01	4.001	98.72	2.999
Mg'	90.63		90.94		76.36	
Ca'	1.21		44.69			
Cr'	5.29		10.40		15.11	
Mg'(ol)	90.27 (.06)					



Phases	opx		cpx		sp		amph	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.68 (.07)	.117			3.33 (.06)	.929
MgO	32.76 (.16)	1.688	15.08 (.08)	.811	20.24 (.18)	.780	17.07 (.30)	3.659
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.58 (.40)	.187	6.68 (.20)	.285	58.04 (.24)	1.770	15.20 (.30)	2.577
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.09 (.30)	1.904	52.59 (.28)	1.897			42.51 (.99)	6.122
K <sub>2</sub> O							1.01 (.02)	.185
CaO	0.64 (.04)	.024	20.08 (.19)	.776			10.70 (.29)	1.649
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.41 (.14)	.011			1.86 (.13)	.201
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	n.d.		0.51 (.08)	.014	10.44 (.33)	.214	0.78 (.07)	.088
FeO	6.93 (.10)	.200	2.97 (.11)	.090	11.28 (.26)	.244	4.09 (.27)	.491
Total	100.00	4.003	100.00	4.000	100.00	3.008	96.55	15.901
Mg'	89.41		90.01		76.17		88.17	
Ca'	1.26		46.27					
Cr'	0.00		4.70		10.79		3.30	
Mg'(ol)	88.64 (.13)							

BM - 27

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BM - 58

Phases	opx		cpx		sp		amph	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		2.18 (.17)	.153			3.28 (.14)	.910
MgO	32.76 (.52)	1.696	14.93 (.39)	.805	19.77 (.30)	.776	17.22 (.207)	3.676
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.64 (.16)	.190	7.19 (.26)	.307	51.93 (.68)	1.611	15.15 (.18)	2.556
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.72 (1.1)	1.900	52.66 (.76)	1.905			43.35 (.19)	6.206
K <sub>2</sub> O							1.57 (.03)	.286
CaO	0.69 (.04)	.026	18.27 (.27)	.708			9.82 (.12)	1.507
TiO <sub>2</sub>							1.20 (.06)	.130
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.43 (.09)	.013	1.21 (.09)	.034	15.96 (.63)	.333	1.50 (.05)	.169
FeO	5.96 (.14)	.173	2.92 (.18)	.088	11.47 (.28)	.252	3.85 (.06)	.461
Total	99.25	3.998	99.36	4.000	99.13	2.972	96.94	15.901
Mg'	90.74		90.15		75.49		88.86	
Ca'	1.37		44.22					
Q'	6.40		9.97		17.13		6.20	
Mg'(ol)	90.60 (.06)							











Group A-4: lherzolites with sites of former hydrous phases, now only present as secondary assemblages

Sample

BM - 48

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		2.04 (.07)	.142		
MgO	34.56 (.27)	1.767	15.83 (.17)	.850	16.14 (.89)	.711
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.61 (.17)	.065	2.97 (.09)	.126	27.70 (.84)	.964
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.54 (.21)	1.973	55.33 (.35)	1.992		
CaO	0.34 (.07)	.013	20.24 (.55)	.781		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.34 (.07)	.009	1.44 (.04)	.041	40.60 (.85)	.948
FeO	5.64 (.10)	.157	2.16 (.19)	.065	14.01 (.13)	.346
Total	99.85	3.984	100.01	3.997	98.45	2.969
Mg'	91.84		92.90		67.27	
Ca'	0.67		46.05			
Cr'	12.16		24.55		49.58	
Mg'(ol)	91.20 (.16)					

Sample

BM - 144

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.34 (.09)	.094		
MgO	33.37 (.16)	1.721	15.86 (.35)	.853	19.92 (.69)	.784
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.82 (.09)	.156	5.70 (.39)	.243	53.23 (.43)	1.658
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.17 (.26)	1.908	53.04 (.25)	1.913		
CaO	0.46 (.12)	.017	20.60 (.19)	.796		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.27 (.02)	.007	0.90 (.10)	.026	14.53 (.36)	.303
FeO	6.66 (.08)	.193	2.56 (.08)	.077	11.35 (.69)	.251
Total	99.75	4.002	100.00	4.002	99.08	2.996
Mg'	89.92		91.72		75.75	
Ca'	0.88		46.12			
Cr'	4.29		9.67		15.45	
Mg'(ol)	89.09 (.09)					

Sample

BM - 162

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.23 (.08)	.086		
MgO	33.41 (.17)	1.720	16.04 (.09)	.862	19.92 (.20)	.783
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.89 (.14)	.159	5.67 (.24)	.241	53.19 (.52)	1.653
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.41 (.42)	1.913	53.02 (.11)	1.911		
CaO	0.42 (.08)	.016	20.52 (.08)	.793		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.20 (.10)	.006	1.00 (.09)	.028	13.73 (.32)	.287
FeO	6.48 (.07)	.187	2.53 (.16)	.077	11.69 (.08)	.258
Total	99.81	4.001	100.01	3.998	98.53	2.981
Mg'	90.19		91.80		75.22	
Ca'	0.83		45.79			
Cr'	3.64		10.41		14.79	
Mg'(ol)	89.37 (.09)					

Sample

LE - 4

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		2.10 (.09)	.146		
MgO	32.30 (.23)	1.665	15.01 (.18)	.805	20.49 (.26)	.781
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.74 (.26)	.234	7.94 (.42)	.337	59.10 (.79)	1.781
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.19 (.28)	1.874	52.25 (.29)	1.879		
CaO	0.68 (.04)	.025	18.53 (.12)	.714		
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.44 (.06)	.012		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.32 (.06)	.009	0.67 (.09)	.019	7.93 (.07)	.160
FeO	6.39 (.15)	.185	3.07 (.06)	.092	10.49 (.05)	.224
Total	99.62	3.992	100.01	4.004	98.01	2.946
Mg'	90.00		89.74		77.71	
Ca'	1.33		44.32			
Cr'	3.70		5.34		8.24	
Mg'(ol)	89.53 (.23)					

Sample

LE - 19

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.92 (.37)	.134		
MgO	35.34 (.22)	1.809	16.69 (.80)	.898	14.63 (1.1)	.651
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.21 (.35)	.049	2.23 (.23)	.095	18.71 (.60)	.687
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.26 (.36)	1.967	54.64 (.88)	1.973		
CaO	0.35 (.05)	.012	19.14 (.84)	.741		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.26 (.03)	.007	3.49 (1.0)	.100	50.46 (.82)	1.243
FeO	5.58 (.07)	.160	1.92 (.02)	.058	15.81 (.65)	.412
Total	100.00	4.004	100.03	3.999	99.61	2.993
Mg'	91.87		93.93		61.24	
Ca'	0.61		43.67			
Cr'	12.50		51.28		64.40	
Mg'(ol)	90.91 (.02)					

Sample

LE - 544

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.03 (.12)	.072		
MgO	33.90 (.22)	1.745	16.07 (.22)	.867	20.47 (.14)	.806
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.42 (.15)	.139	4.76 (.16)	.203	52.80 (.40)	1.644
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.45 (.26)	1.915	52.71 (.18)	1.908		
CaO	0.33 (.03)	.012	21.84 (.18)	.847		
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.32 (.04)	.009		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.32 (.12)	.008	1.04 (.18)	.030	14.48 (.37)	.303
FeO	6.21 (.13)	.179	2.24 (.09)	.068	11.21 (.18)	.248
Total	99.63	3.998	100.01	4.004	98.96	3.001
Mg'	90.70		92.73		76.47	
Ca'	0.62		47.53			
Cr'	5.44		12.88		15.56	
Mg'(ol)	89.94 (.09)					

Sample	LE - 2662									
Phases	wt. %		wt. %		wt. %		wt. %		wt. %	
	opx	cpx	sp	struc	opx	cpx	sp	struc	opx	cpx
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.	1.42 (.02)	.099							
MgO	34.72 (.14)	16.84 (.08)	.903	18.26 (.21)	.777					
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.26 (.11)	3.53 (.07)	.149	34.61 (.78)	1.165					
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.83 (.17)	54.52 (.06)	1.960							
CaO	0.33 (.07)	20.39 (.16)	.786							
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.30 (.05)	1.43 (.09)	.041	34.76 (1.0)	.785					
FeO	5.18 (.12)	1.87 (.07)	.056	11.51 (.39)	.275					
Total	99.62	100.00	3.994	99.14	3.002					
Mg <sup>+</sup>	92.26	94.16		73.86						
Ca <sup>+</sup>	0.62	45.04								
Cr <sup>+</sup>	8.00	21.58								
Mg <sup>+</sup> (0.01)	91.50 (.07)			40.26						

Group A - 5: amphibole and phlogopite bearing hercynites

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## Group A-6: Fe-rich lherzolites

Sample

BM - 47

Phases	opx		cpx		amph	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.41 (.20)	.099	3.29 (.14)	.917
MgO	33.13 (.20)	1.716	15.85 (.29)	.855	18.03 (.23)	3.859
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.96 (.35)	.080	3.47 (.46)	.148	13.47 (.28)	2.290
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.17 (.20)	1.952	54.20 (.20)	1.962	44.34 (1.1)	6.368
K <sub>2</sub> O					1.13 (.03)	.208
CaO	0.51 (.06)	.019	20.85 (.44)	.809	10.53 (.36)	1.620
TiO <sub>2</sub>					n.d.	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.26 (.04)	.007	1.11 (.10)	.032	1.72 (.05)	.195
FeO	7.97 (.09)	.232	3.08 (.16)	.093	4.29 (.27)	.515
Total	100.00	4.006	99.97	3.998	96.80	15.962
Mg'	88.09		90.19		88.23	
Ca'	0.97		46.04			
Cr'	8.05		17.78		7.88	
Mg'(ol)	86.85 (.12)					

Sample

BM - 154

Phases	opx		cpx		sp		amph	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		1.76 (.06)	.124			2.85 (.14)	.840
MgO	32.67 (.10)	1.691	15.45 (.18)	.833	14.55 (1.0)	.652	16.06 (.74)	3.638
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.38 (.19)	.097	4.34 (.13)	.186	28.22 (1.2)	.999	12.25 (.43)	2.195
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.06 (.18)	1.947	53.67 (.23)	1.942			41.47 (1.6)	6.304
K <sub>2</sub> O							1.23 (.02)	.239
CaO	0.39 (.05)	.014	20.03 (.21)	.777			10.32 (.06)	1.683
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.29 (.02)	.007	1.25 (.08)	.143
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.30 (.06)	.009	1.70 (.09)	.049	37.55 (1.8)	.892	2.24 (.11)	.270
FeO	7.58 (.08)	.220	3.06 (.02)	.093	18.12 (1.4)	.455	4.31 (.13)	.548
Total	99.38	3.978	100.01	4.004	98.73	3.005	91.98	15.860
Mg'	88.49		89.96		58.90		86.91	
Ca'	0.73		45.63					
Cr'	8.49		20.85		47.17		10.95	
Mg'(ol)	87.12 (.03)							

## Group A-7: banded or layered lherzolites

Sample

BM -137

Phases	opx		cpx		sp		amph	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.		0.60 (.15)	.042			2.66 (.37)	.786
MgO	33.99 (.36)	1.747	16.12 (.63)	.868	20.67 (.24)	.792	16.43 (1.3)	3.740
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.11 (.43)	.127	4.64 (.94)	.198	59.55 (1.1)	1.803	13.99 (.99)	2.518
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.00 (.38)	1.931	53.14 (.63)	1.920			39.94 (2.9)	6.100
K <sub>2</sub> O							0.80 (.11)	.155
CaO	0.31 (.03)	.012	22.57 (.32)	.874			11.21 (.54)	1.836
TiO <sub>2</sub>							1.54 (.17)	.177
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			0.61 (.11)	.017	8.47 (.96)	.172	0.96 (.09)	.116
FeO	6.59 (.41)	.190	2.20 (.21)	.067	10.64 (.32)	.229	3.52 (.13)	.450
Total	100.00	4.007	99.88	3.986	99.33	2.996	91.05	15.878
Mg'	90.19		92.83		77.57		89.26	
Ca'	0.62		48.31					
Cr'	0		7.91		8.71		4.32	
Mg'(ol)	89.67 (.24)							

## Group B: wehrlites

Sample

BM - 18

Phases	cpx		sp		amph		opx	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.81 (.42)	.1			4.09 (.15)	1.158	n.d.	
MgO	16.08 (.51)	.867	11.26 (.36)	.547	19.12 (.47)	4.140	35.14 (.15)	1.801
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.80 (.61)	.077	11.83 (.84)	.456	9.42 (.34)	1.614	n.d.	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.22 (1.2)	1.998			45.98 (1.4)	6.679	58.28 (.17)	2.004
K <sub>2</sub> O					n.d.			
CaO	21.35 (.60)	.828			10.03 (.24)	1.562	0.36 (.05)	.013
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.20 (.10)	.005	0.60 (.17)	.065		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.44 (.90)	.041	58.14 (1.1)	1.502	2.26 (.41)	.260	n.d.	
FeO	2.29 (.30)	.069	18.66 (.54)	.510	3.02 (.05)	.368	6.22 (.08)	.179
Total	100.00	4.007	100.09	3.020	95.08	15.950	100.00	3.997
Mg'	92.36		51.57		91.84		90.96	
Ca'	46.94						0.65	
Cr'	34.75		76.71		13.87		0	
Mg'(ol)	89.79 (.04)							

Sample

BM - 51

Phases	cpx		sp		amph	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.36 (.28)	.166			4.48 (.16)	1.244
MgO	15.26 (.32)	.822	11.24 (.23)	.543	19.36 (.17)	4.135
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.88 (.37)	.123	13.89 (.68)	.530	9.86 (.16)	1.634
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.11 (.19)	1.992			46.96 (.26)	6.727
K <sub>2</sub> O					0.66 (.02)	.121
CaO	20.36 (.40)	.789			9.97 (.10)	1.530
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.25 (.05)	.027
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.42 (.20)	.041	56.07 (.89)	1.435	1.74 (.08)	.197
FeO	2.62 (.29)	.079	18.80 (.29)	.509	3.20 (.05)	.383
Total	100.01	4.012	100.00	3.017	96.48	15.998
Mg'	91.23		51.62		91.52	
Ca'	46.69					
Cr'	25.00		73.03		10.76	
Mg'(ol)	89.81 (.15)					

Sample

BM - 135

BM - 142

Phases	cpx		amph		cpx	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	11.63 (.18)	.115	4.10 (.10)	1.146	2.06 (.20)	.145
MgO	15.92 (.31)	.859	18.62 (.52)	4.004	15.59 (.17)	.846
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.22 (.23)	.094	10.13 (.17)	1.723	1.70 (.46)	.073
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.97 (.20)	1.990	45.94 (1.0)	6.637	54.60 (.13)	1.989
K <sub>2</sub> O			0.83 (.02)	.153		
CaO	21.23 (.31)	.824	9.78 (.13)	1.513	20.38 (.48)	.795
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.89 (.07)	.096		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.20 (.28)	.034	1.87 (.11)	.213	2.11 (.08)	.061
FeO	2.84 (.09)	.086	3.83 (.06)	.462	3.57 (.03)	.109
Total	100.01	4.002	95.99	15.947	100.01	4.018
Mg'	90.90		89.66		88.59	
Ca'	46.58				45.43	
Cr'	26.56		11.00		45.52	
Mg'(ol)	87.92 (.20)				85.40 (.28)	





## Group D: Hornblendites

Sample		BM -117										
Phases	amph			phlo			ilm		ttmg			
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		wt.%		struc	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.85	(.10)	.318	0.99	(.11)	.285						
MgO	12.08	(.15)	2.665	14.40	(.18)	3.204	9.38	(.35)	.669	8.23	(1.9)	.431
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.96	(.26)	2.610	16.38	(.10)	2.882	1.09	(.12)	.046	8.68	(.88)	.359
SiO <sub>2</sub>	40.21	(.64)	5.954	36.87	(.28)	5.492						
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.76	(.05)	.333	9.14	(.11)	1.743						
CaO	9.87	(.14)	1.565									
TiO <sub>2</sub>	5.06	(.10)	.563	8.90	(.09)	.999	52.16	(.55)	1.876	24.80	(1.5)	.655
FeO	10.07	(.09)	1.247	11.89	(.23)	1.484	37.00	(.70)	1.480	57.70	(2.4)	1.697
MnO							0.22	(.02)	.009			
Total	96.86		15.755	98.57		16.089	99.85		4.079	99.41		3.142
Mg'	68.12			68.34			31.13					
Mg'(ol)	72.69	(.35)										

Sample		BM -156							
Phases	amph			phlo			ilm		
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.71	(.10)	.778	0.94	(.06)	.277			
MgO	12.48	(.54)	2.750	14.71	(.14)	3.339	8.67	(.37)	.619
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.87	(.32)	2.594	16.45	(.21)	2.953	0.82	(.08)	.046
SiO <sub>2</sub>	39.97	(.48)	5.942	36.26	(.41)	5.523			
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.78	(.03)	.338	8.93	(.07)	1.735			
CaO	10.06	(.14)	1.602						
TiO <sub>2</sub>	4.42	(.17)	.495	7.21	(.12)	.826	52.51	(.35)	1.894
FeO	10.54	(.29)	1.310	12.01	(.21)	1.530	37.84	(.72)	1.518
MnO							0.22	(.02)	.009
Total	96.83		15.809	96.51		16.183	100.00		4.086
Mg'	67.73			68.58			28.97		

Sample		BM - 156 (pyroxenitic pocket)							
Phases	amph			opx			cpx		
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.76	(.15)	.789	n.d.			1.13	(.05)	.081
MgO	13.83	(.26)	3.040	26.23	(.50)	1.410	13.56	(.46)	.744
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.45	(.23)	2.512	4.75	(.47)	.202	7.17	(.68)	.311
SiO <sub>2</sub>	40.76	(.76)	6.011	52.30	(.34)	1.885	50.16	(.46)	1.846
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.20	(.08)	.225						
CaO	10.39	(.14)	1.642	0.91	(.04)	.035	19.28	(.35)	.760
TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.76	(.16)	.418	0.26	(.04)	.007	1.13	(.13)	.032
FeO	9.55	(.17)	1.178	15.60	(.42)	.471	7.52	(.39)	.232
Total	96.70		15.815	100.05		4.010	99.95		4.006
Mg'	72.10			74.96			76.23		
Ca'				1.83			43.78		
Mg'(ol)	73.41	(.28)							

## Groups E and F: pyroxenites and composite xenoliths

Sample BM - 109 (primary phases)

Phases	opx			cpx			sp			amph		
	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.			1.69 (.06)		.118				3.38 (.12)		.951
MgO	33.59 (.37)	1.732		15.65 (.08)		.842	15.56 (.60)	.667		17.51 (.31)		3.791
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.64 (.10)	.108		4.50 (.11)		.192	36.44 (1.6)	1.235		13.80 (.28)		2.361
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.95 (.18)	1.935		53.94 (.18)		1.948				43.39 (1.0)		6.300
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>										0.79 (.05)		.146
CaO	0.57 (.05)	.021		19.50 (.23)		.755				10.06 (.27)		1.566
TiO <sub>2</sub>										0.48 (.07)		.054
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.46 (.04)	.013		1.40 (.17)		.040	31.01 (1.5)	.706		2.10 (.06)		.241
FeO	6.79 (.39)	.197		3.34 (.35)		.101	16.23 (1.1)	.391		4.01 (.12)		.487
Total	100.00		4.006	100.02		3.996	99.24		2.999	95.52		15.896
Mg'	89.79			89.29			63.04			88.62		
Ca'	1.08			44.46								
Cr'	10.74			17.24			36.37			9.26		
Mg'(ol)	88.94 (.25)											

Sample BM - 109 (vein)

Phases	amph			phlo			cpx			Trans-amph		
	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.39 (.11)	.927		1.17 (.09)	.328		1.90 (.16)	.133		3.31 (.12)		.929
MgO	16.79 (.20)	3.527		21.02 (.68)	4.527		15.23 (.28)	.822		17.02 (.28)		3.678
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.28 (.27)	2.206		16.62 (.37)	2.830		5.18 (.35)	.221		13.19 (.37)		2.254
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.01 (.43)	6.340		39.68 (1.0)	5.733		53.73 (.09)	1.944		43.10 (.62)		6.244
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.31 (.03)	.235		9.06 (.21)	1.670					1.11 (.02)		.205
CaO	10.01 (.11)	1.511					18.93 (.18)	.734		10.12 (.08)		1.571
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.66 (.15)	.282		4.39 (.26)	.477		0.27 (.04)	.007		2.08 (.12)		.226
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>										1.80 (.14)		.206
FeO	7.02 (.25)	.828		6.69 (.70)	.808		4.77 (.35)	.144		4.58 (.12)		.554
Total	99.47		15.856	98.63		16.373	100.01		4.005	96.31		15.867
Mg'	80.99			84.85			85.09			86.91		
Ca'							43.18					
Cr'										8.37		

Sample BM - 114  
gt-pyroxenite      amph-clinopyroxenite

Phases	gt			cpx			opx			amph		
	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc	wt. %		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O				1.50 (.12)		.105				3.19 (.25)		.894
MgO	19.98 (.10)	2.127		15.09 (.15)	.811		32.00 (.21)	1.653		17.15 (.84)		3.694
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	23.80 (.31)	2.003		7.23 (.26)	.307		5.45 (.07)	.223		17.16 (.52)		2.923
SiO <sub>2</sub>	41.31 (.47)	2.949		52.57 (.20)	1.895		54.24 (.18)	1.882		42.14 (2.0)		6.088
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>										0.80 (.04)		.147
CaO	4.76 (.03)	.365		20.16 (.13)	.779		0.51 (.05)	.019		10.11 (.62)		1.588
TiO <sub>2</sub>										0.54 (.09)		.058
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>				0.34 (.04)	.010							
FeO	9.42 (.19)	.562		3.17 (.06)	.096		7.53 (.05)	.219		4.24 (.19)		.513
lnO	0.36 (.07)	.022										
Total	99.63		8.028	100.06		4.003	99.73		3.996	95.33		15.905
Mg'	79.10			89.42			88.30			87.81		
Ca'	11.95			46.20			1.00					
Cr'				3.15								

Sample

BM - 116 (Iherzolite)

Phases	opx			cpx			sp			amph		
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.			1.66 (.09)		.116				3.30 (.20)		.905
MgO	34.11 (.18)	1.751		16.00 (.11)		.859	18.93 (.53)	.777		17.95 (.64)		3.788
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.06 (.07)	.124		5.14 (.37)		.218	43.71 (.86)	1.417		15.26 (.87)		2.543
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.96 (.12)	1.928		53.59 (.22)		1.930				44.00 (2.0)		6.226
CaO	0.47 (.07)	.017		20.12 (.05)		.777				0.98 (.04)		.176
TiO <sub>2</sub>										10.48 (.44)		1.589
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.35 (.02)	.010		1.24 (.07)		.036	24.29 (.83)	.528		0.52 (.107)		.056
FeO	5.70 (.12)	.164		2.26 (.03)		.068	12.16 (.26)	.280		1.80 (.12)		.202
										3.42 (.11)		.405
Total	99.65		3.994	100.01		4.004	99.04		3.002	97.71		15.890
Mg'	91.44			92.66			73.51			90.34		
Ca'	0.88			45.60								
Cr'	7.46			14.17			27.15			7.36		
Mg'(ol)	90.07 (.07)											

Sample clinopyroxenite BM - 116 transition-zone

Phases	cpx			sp			cpx			sp		
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.60 (.08)	.112					1.50 (.12)	.105				
MgO	15.46 (.35)	.831		20.06 (		.799	15.39 (.21)	.825		22.25 (.17)		.834
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.33 (.46)	.269		50.03		1.576	7.17 (.32)	.304		64.07 (.35)		1.898
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.78 (.31)	1.902					52.71 (.32)	1.895				
CaO	20.43 (.16)	.789					20.26 (.15)	.781				
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.01 (.08)	.029		17.82		.376	0.51 (.12)	.014		3.37 (.43)		.067
FeO	2.31 (.11)	.070		11.14		.249	2.45 (.10)	.074		9.51 (.14)		.200
Total	99.92		4.002	99.05		3.000	99.99		3.998	99.20		2.999
Mg'	92.23			76.24			91.77			80.66		
Ca'	46.69						46.49					
Cr'	9.43			19.26			4.40			3.41		

Sample transition zone BM - 116 gt-pyroxenite

Phases	amph			opx			gt			cpx			opx		
	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc	wt.%		struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.85 (.34)	.863								1.66 (.16)	.116				
MgO	15.66 (.80)	3.656		33.31 (.07)	1.713		20.55 (.07)	2.172		15.22 (.16)	.815		32.41 (.07)	1.670	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.66 (.65)	2.736		4.92 (.13)	.200		23.86 (.23)	1.995		7.52 (.19)	.318		5.84 (.20)	.238	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	39.03 (1.8)	6.116		54.97 (.01)	1.890		41.89 (.29)	2.970		52.74 (.17)	1.895		54.19 (.19)	1.874	
CaO	0.74 (.05)	.149													
TiO <sub>2</sub>	10.15 (.28)	1.705		0.54 (.04)	.020		4.64 (.04)	.353		19.98 (.19)	.769		0.49 (.02)	.018	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.07 (.11)	.125													
FeO	0.57 (.10)	.071					0.22 (.20)	.012		0.31 (.10)	.009				
FeO	3.69 (.09)	.484		6.12 (.11)	.176		8.25 (.18)	.489		2.60 (.11)	.078		6.42 (.10)	.186	
FeO							0.33 (.08)	.020							
Total	88.42		15.905	99.68		3.999	99.52		7.999	100.03		4.000	99.35		3.986
Mg'	88.31			90.68			81.62			91.27			89.98		
Ca'				1.05			11.71			46.27			0.96		
Cr'	2.53			0			0.60			2.75			0		



#### APPENDIX 4

### Comparison of bulk rock chemistry of lherzolites from Lake Bullenmerri with those from other localities.

Bulk rock chemistry data for spinel lherzolite xenoliths from other volcanic centres around the world are compared to the data from Lake Bullenmerri to infer whether the history deduced from Lake Bullenmerri lherzolites is a local case or may be seen as a more generally applicable process.

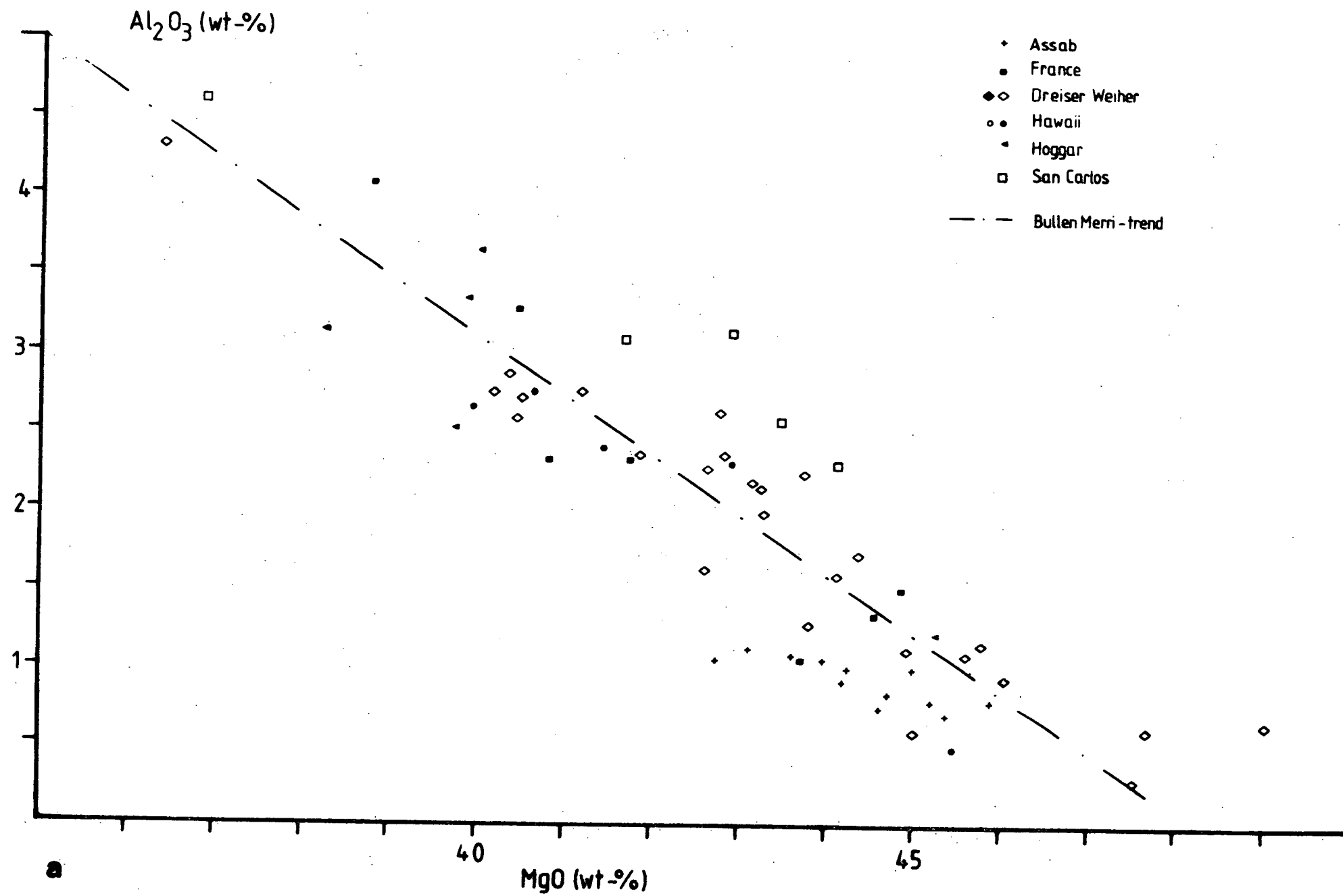
The comparison of the data from Lake Bullenmerri with chemical variation lines obtained by statistical methods from a large number of lherzolite nodules from different localities grouped together (Maaløe & Aoki, 1977) is not meaningful unless all can be shown to have a very similar history. Principally every single location may have its own history with different degrees of extraction of differing melts from differing source compositions.

Localities have been chosen for which a number of analyses were available, which come from geographically different areas, and which show a considerable spread in chemistry. The compared data were taken from Frey & Prinz (1978) (San Carlos, Arizona), Girod *et al.* (1981) (Hoggar, Algeria) Hutchinson *et al.* (1975) (France), Kuno & Aoki (1970) (Dreiser Weiher, Germany and Hawaii), Ottonello *et al.* (1978) (Assab, Ethiopia), and Sachtleben & Seck (1981) (Dreiser Weiher, Germany).

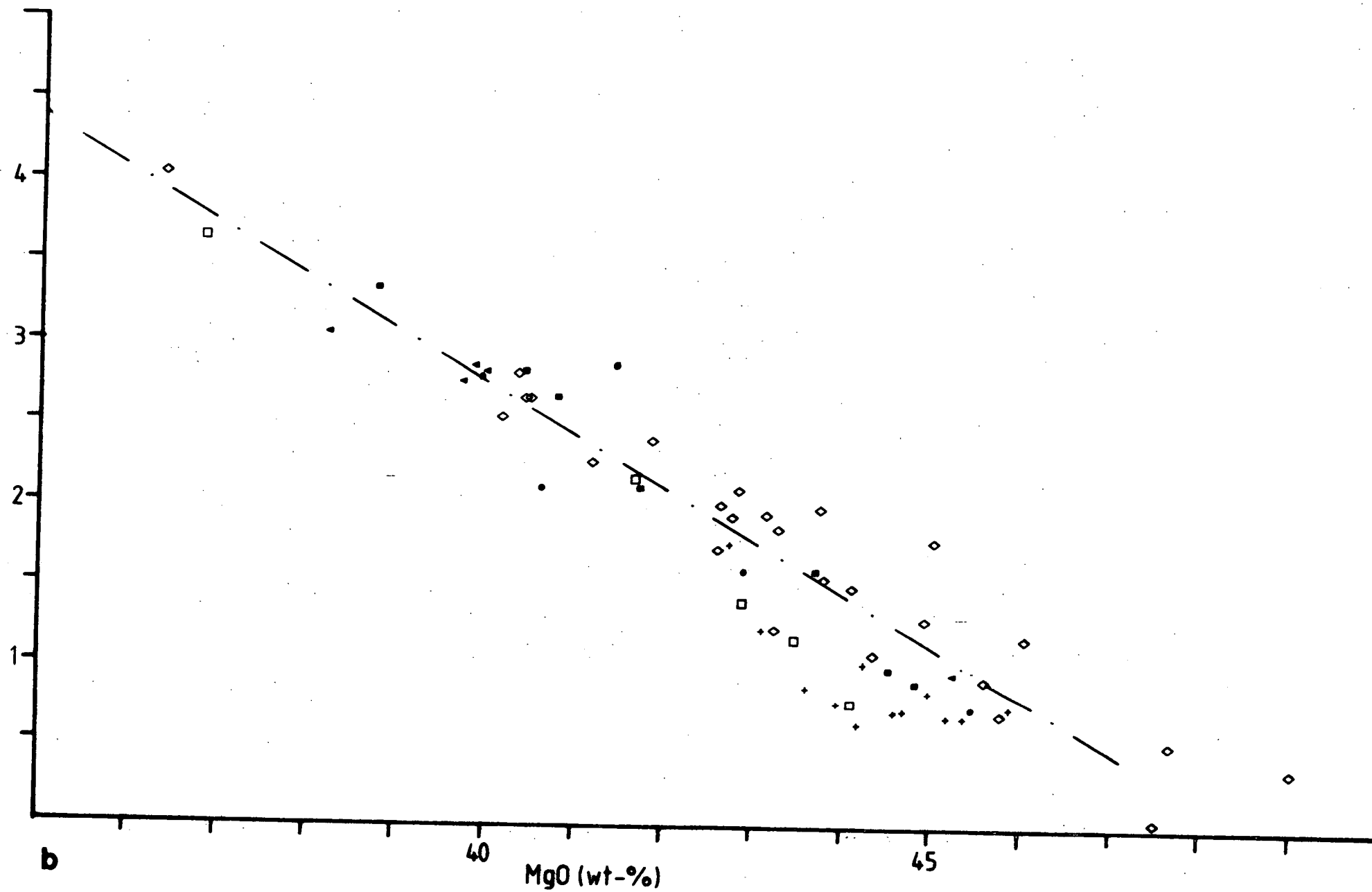
Plots of MgO vs. major oxides for these data are given in fig. 63a-g. The trend of the chemical variation of Lake Bullenmerri nodules is indicated in these plots except for Na<sub>2</sub>O, where uncertainties prevented the deduction of a clearly defined trendline.

The data from Germany, France, Algeria and Hawaii are very similar to the data from this work for all elements. However, bias exists for TiO<sub>2</sub> and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> from Dreiser Weiher. Although taken from the same locality the analyses presented by Kuno & Aoki (1970) show systematic displacement

Figure 63: Plots of MgO vs oxides in wt.% for bulk rock compositions  
a-g of spinel lherzolites from various localities. Data from  
Frey & Prinz (1978), Girod *et al.* (1981), Hutchinson (1975),  
Kuno & Aoki (1970), Ottonello *et al.* (1978), Sachtleben &  
Seck (1981), and this work.

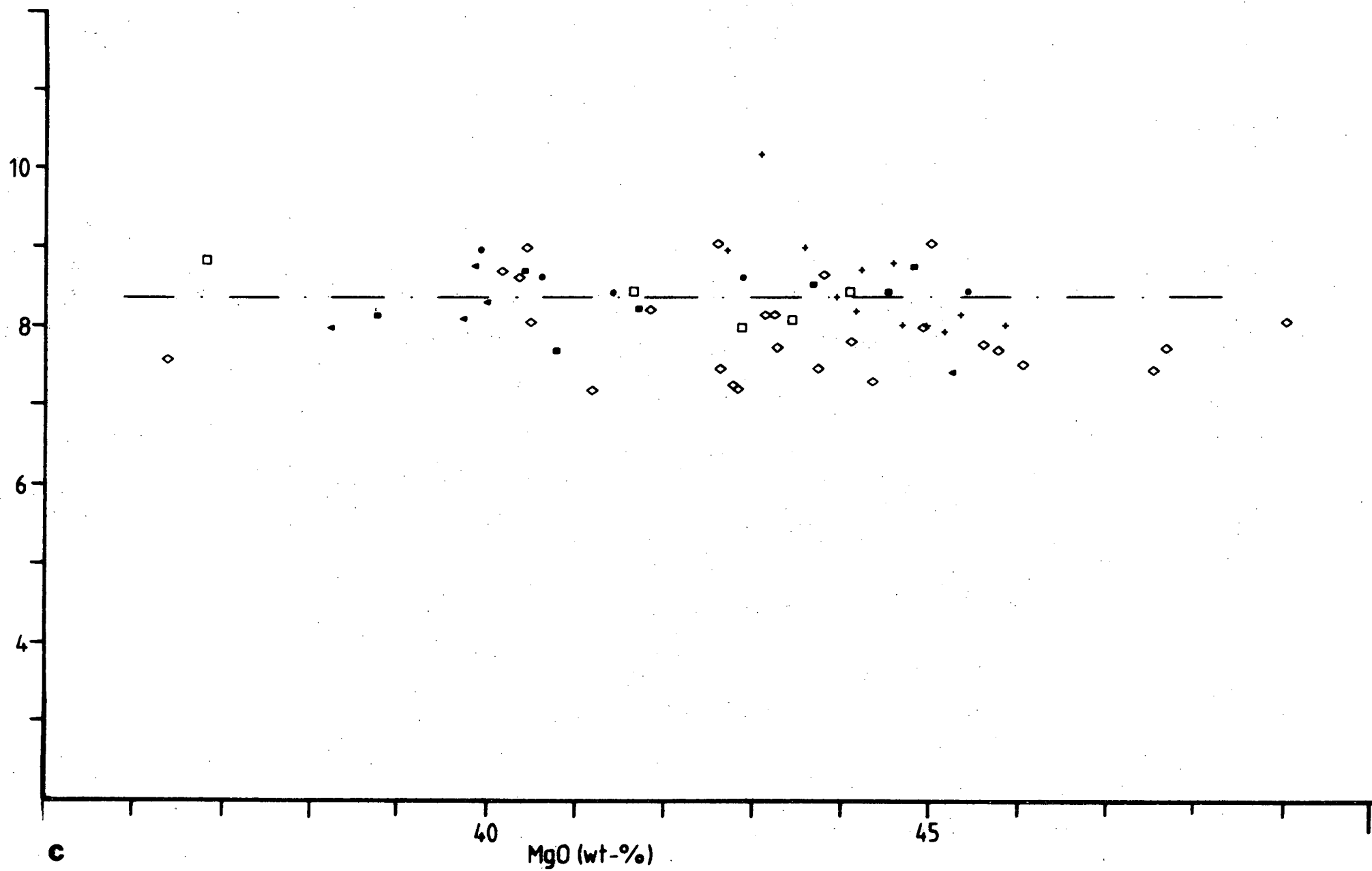


CaO (wt-%)

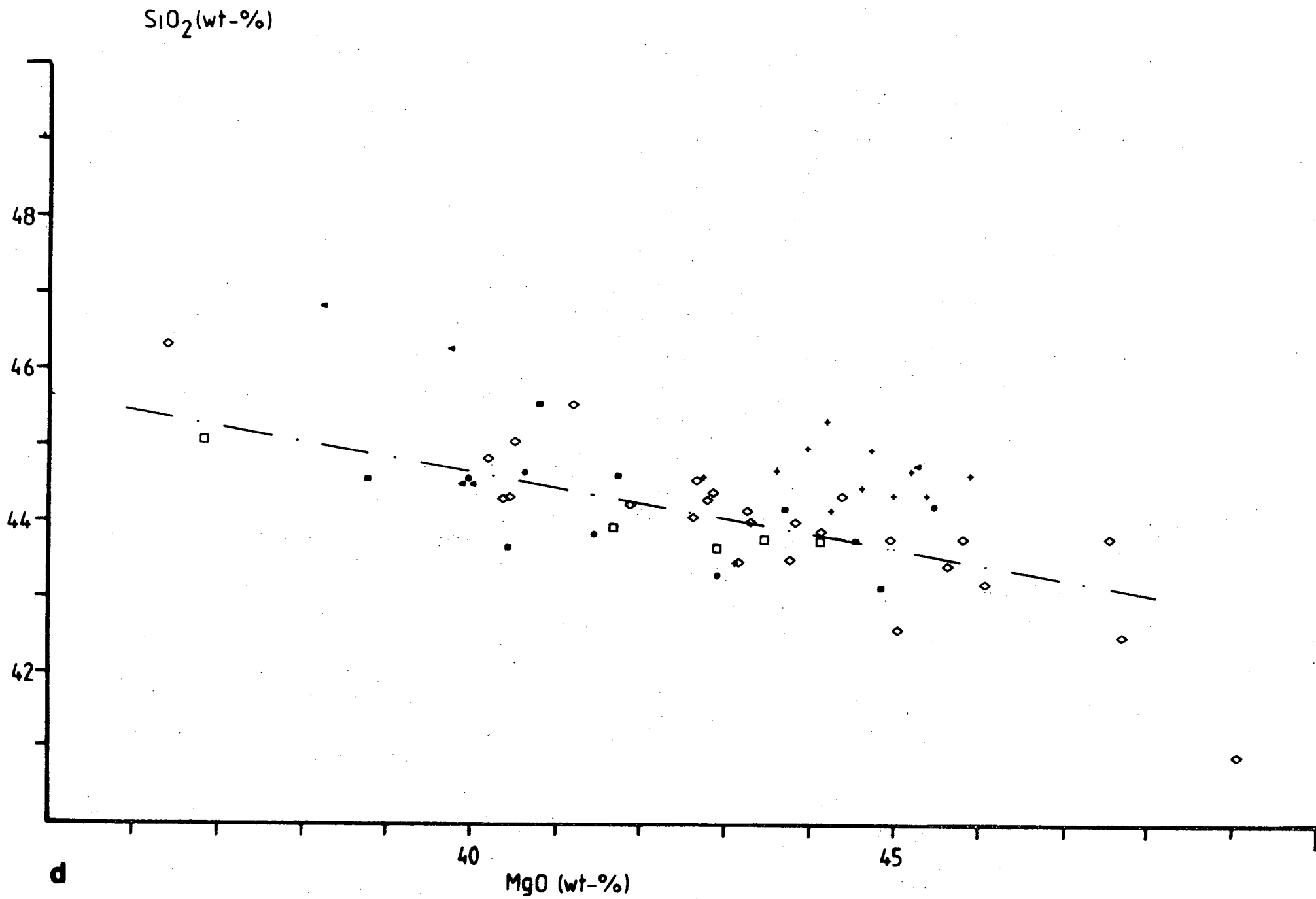




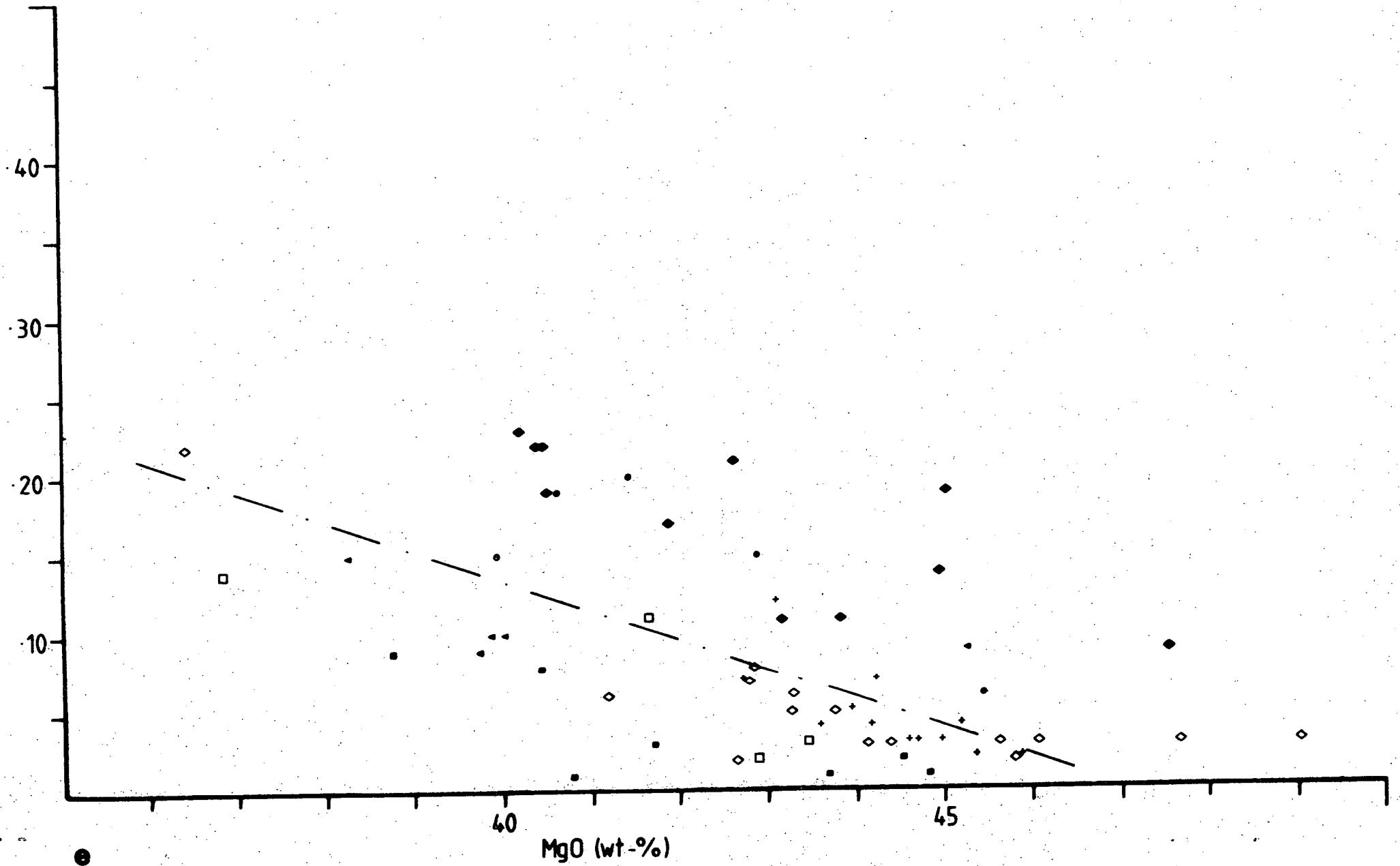
FeO (wt-%)

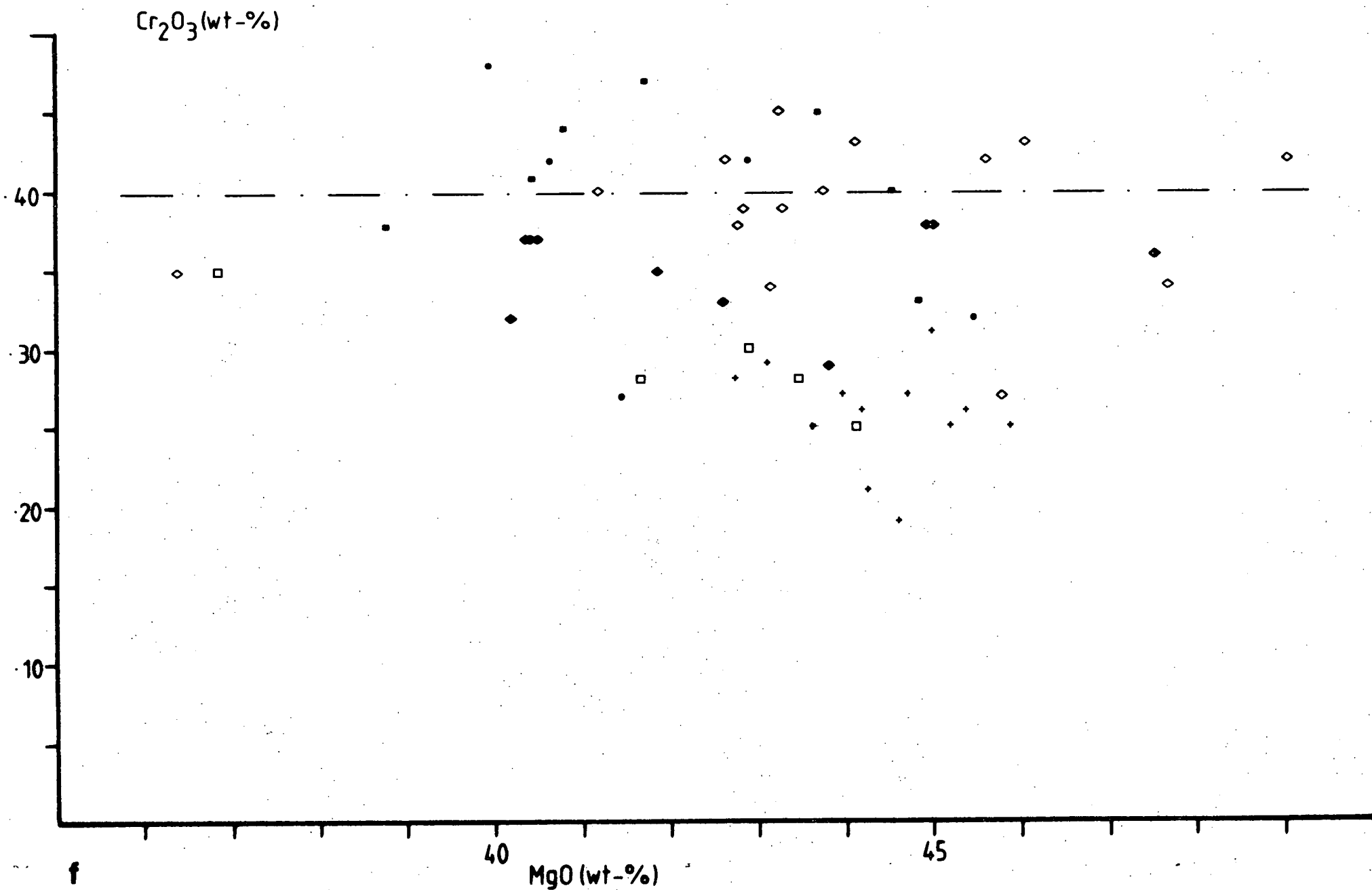


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TiO<sub>2</sub>(wt-%)





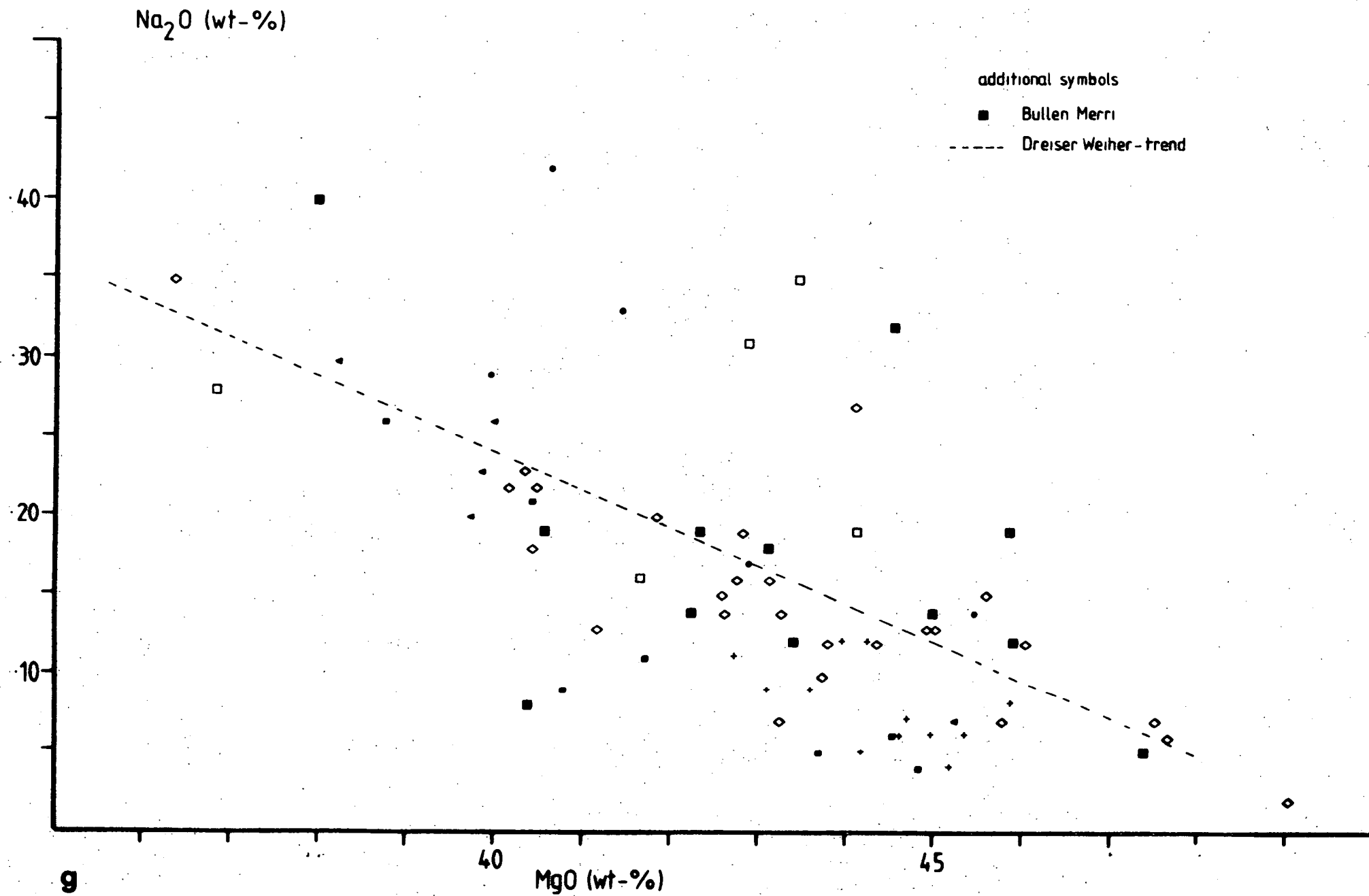
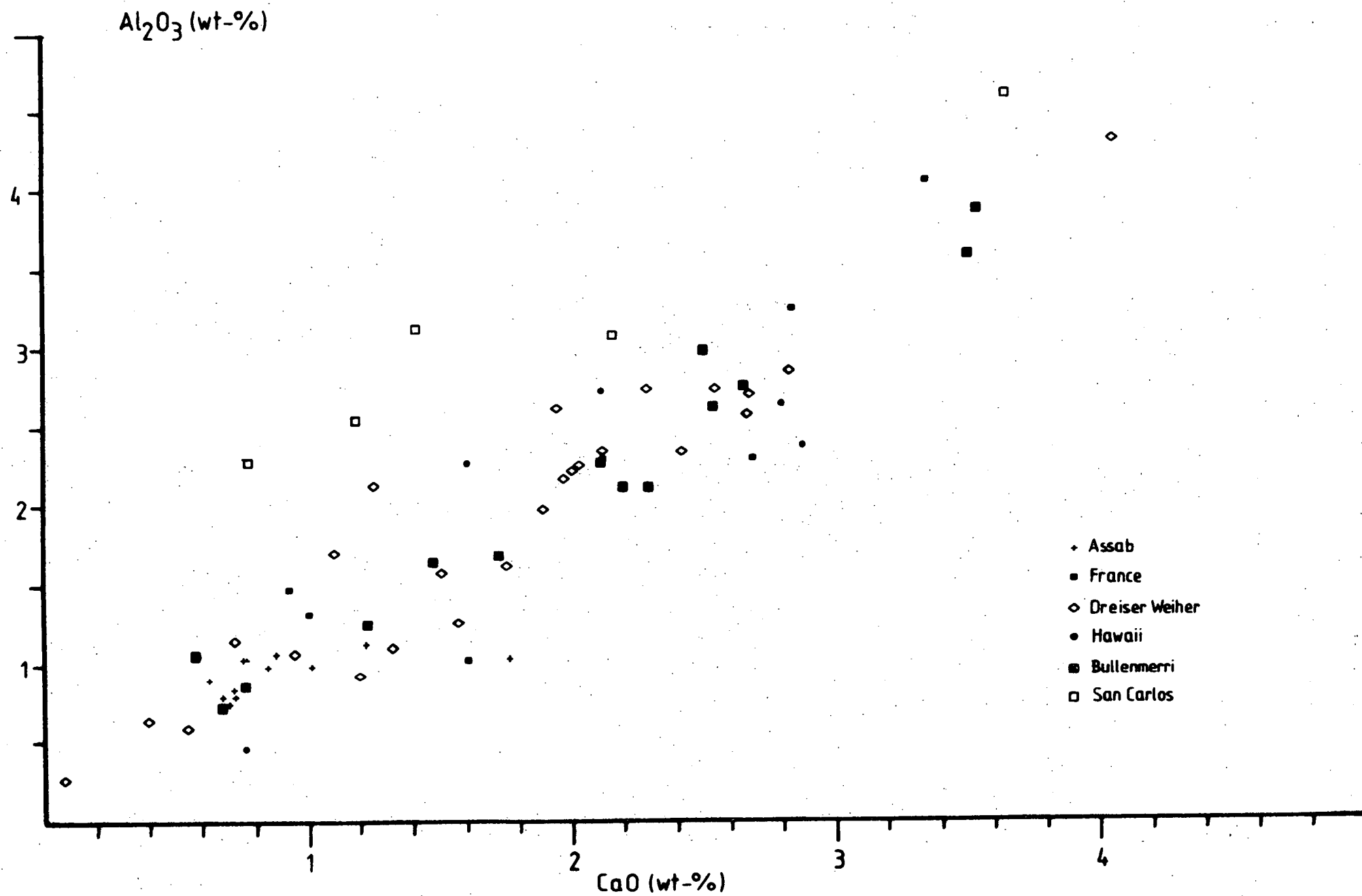


Figure 64: Plot of CaO vs.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (wt.%) of bulk rock compositions from spinel lherzolites. Data sources as for fig. 63.



towards higher  $\text{TiO}_2$  values and lower  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  values when compared to the data of Sachtleben & Seck (1981). This is shown in figs. 63e and 63f, where the data of Kuno & Aoki (1970) are represented by filled symbols and the data of Sachtleben & Seck (1981) are open symbols. It is assumed that a systematic analytical error exists and the more recent data are preferred. The tendency of the Hawaiian data (Kuno & Aoki, 1970) to be somewhat higher in  $\text{TiO}_2$  is therefore not taken as evidence for a real difference in the variations compared to Bullenmerri lherzolites.

In fig. 63g it is apparent that a good correlation exists between  $\text{MgO}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , especially for the Dreiser Weiher lherzolites. Most samples from Lake Bullenmerri fit well to this trend. Sample BM-139 however is far removed from this trendline (off scale, not plotted). The unusual character of this nodule with respect to alkalis and some trace elements has been discussed before.

It should be noted that the Dreiser Weiher samples consist of two suites (anhydrous and hydrous), as do the samples of this work. Again it is apparent that there is no chemical difference in terms of major elements, including Na, between the two suites.

While the nodules from France, Germany, Algeria and Hawaii have trends extremely close to the variation of the Australian samples, and hence may be interpreted as having a very similar history, nodules from some locations show systematic differences.

The suite of nodules from San Carlos shows systematically higher values of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and lower  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  values for a given  $\text{MgO}$  content. The unusual character of the San Carlos population is demonstrated by  $\text{CaO}$  vs.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (fig. 64), where all other suites show a similar behaviour.

The suite from Assab, Ethiopia, shows also some subtle differences in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$  and a markedly lower  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  content.

Despite the differences, the chemical variations within each of these suites are still defined by rectilinear trends, hence batch melting models may be applicable. The different trends may be seen as evidence



for primary (i.e. before extraction of melt) major element differences in the chemical compositions of the source regions. Whether these differences represent primordial major element heterogeneity of the uppermost mantle or are due to more complex multi-stage histories cannot be specified.

Summarizing, the similarity in chemical variations between Lake Bullenmerri lherzolites and those from a number of geographically widely distributed localities makes it likely that large parts of the uppermost mantle have undergone a history of oceanic-type partial melting with the extraction of picritic liquids to varying degrees. The source composition is inferred to be comparable to model mantle compositions ("pyrolite", Green *et al.*, 1979; Ringwood, 1966).

There is no evidence for major element chemical variations derived by a process other than melt extraction (e.g. metasomatism), even where mineralogical differences (hydrous, anhydrous) exist.

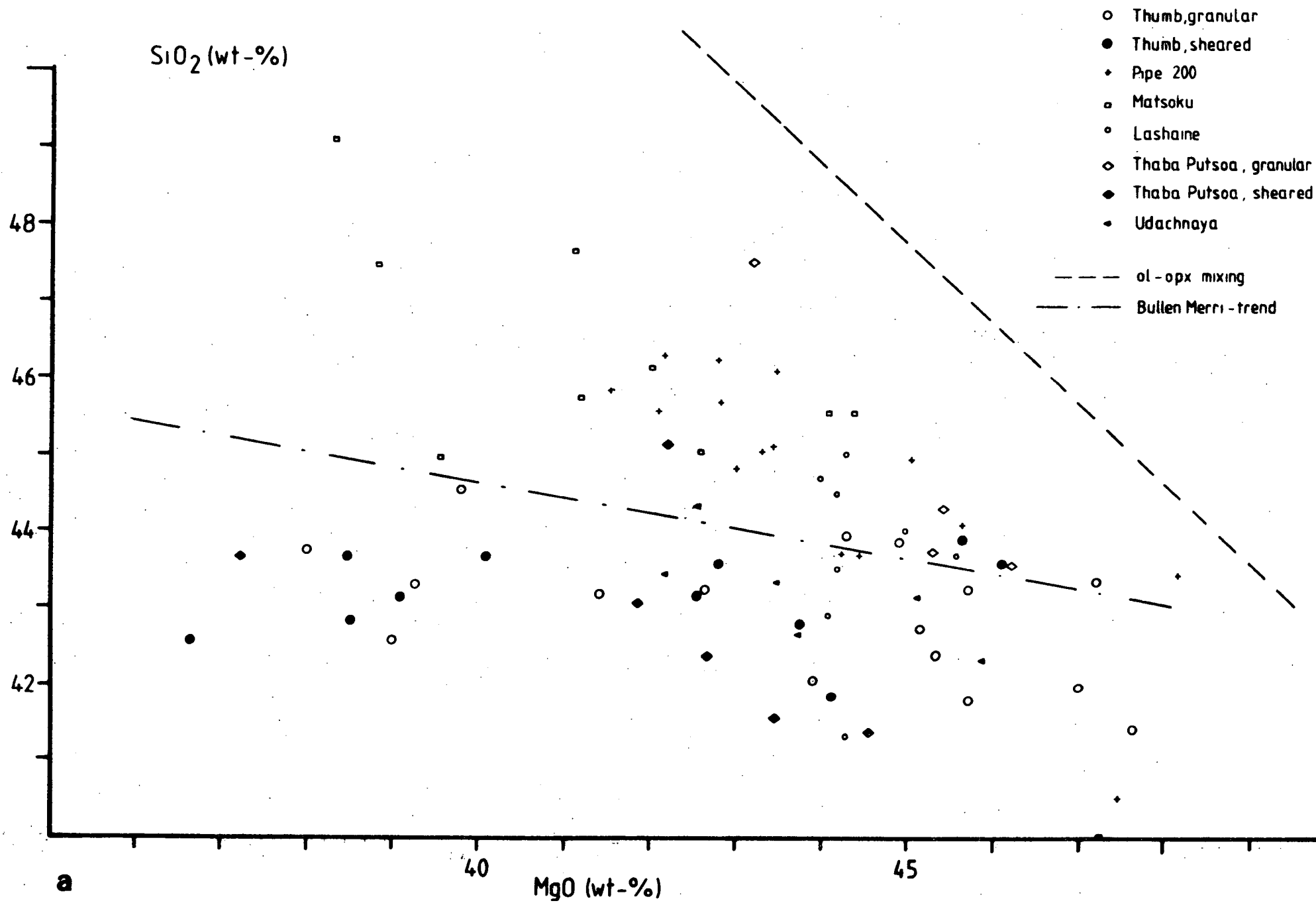
Some lherzolite suites however (San Carlos, possibly Assab) do not fit to the trend of the majority and require differences in source region compositions or in the character of the melt/residue equilibrium during partial melting.

The model and the conclusions derived may not be applied directly to garnet lherzolites and harzburgites from kimberlite inclusions. Plots of the type MgO vs. oxides (fig. 65a-c) show significant differences from those of spinel lherzolite suites.

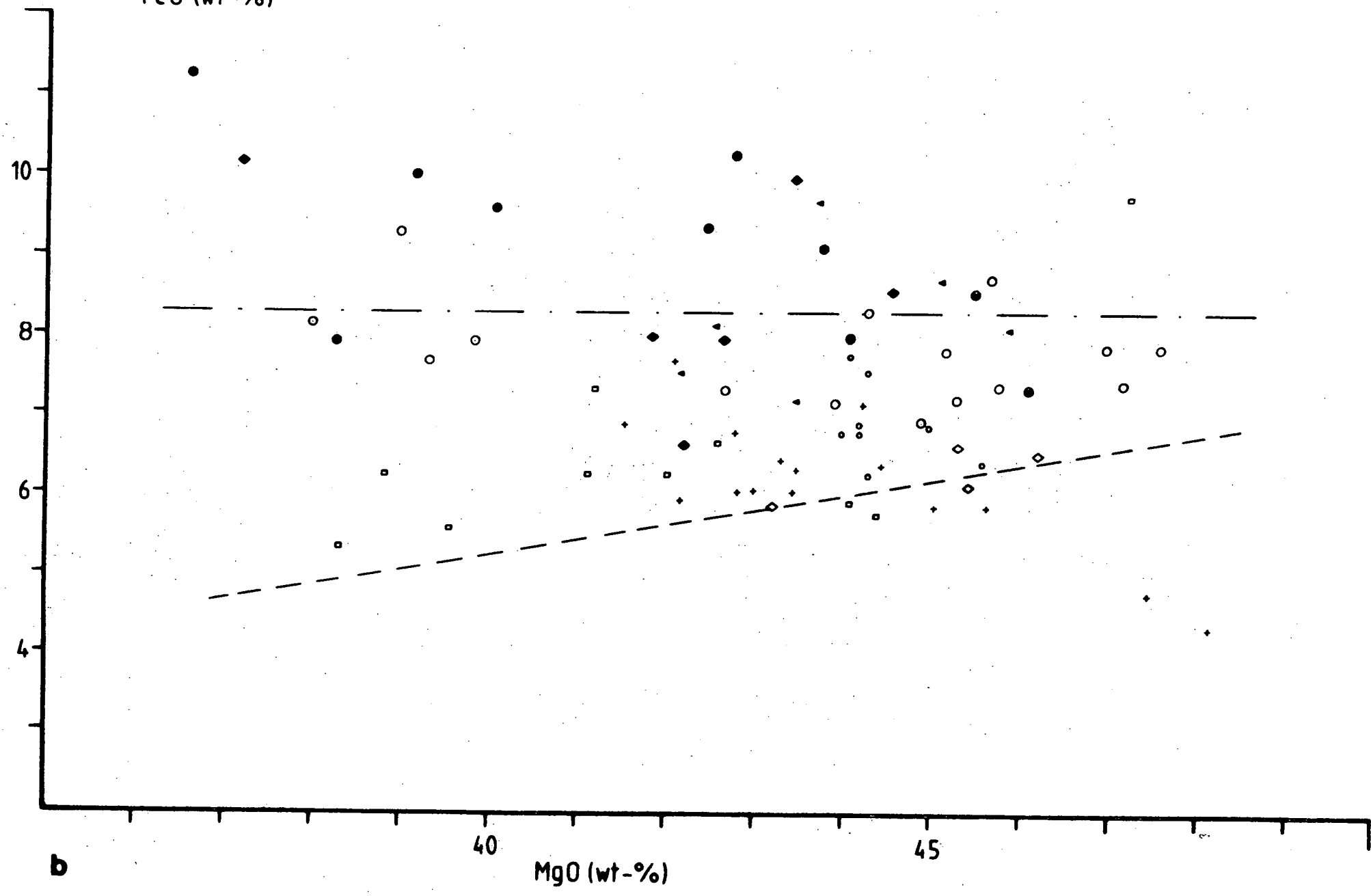
The scatter of data points is much higher for garnet lherzolites (compare also figs. 1 and 4 of Maaløe & Aoki, 1977) and slopes of chemical variations are different for sheared and granular nodules. Garnet lherzolites are generally more refractory than spinel lherzolites (both in terms of Mg/Mg+Fe values and concentrations of incompatible elements).

The indicated slope for MgO vs. oxides, especially vs. SiO<sub>2</sub> and FeO (figs. 65a,b) is in many cases parallel or subparallel to a mixing line

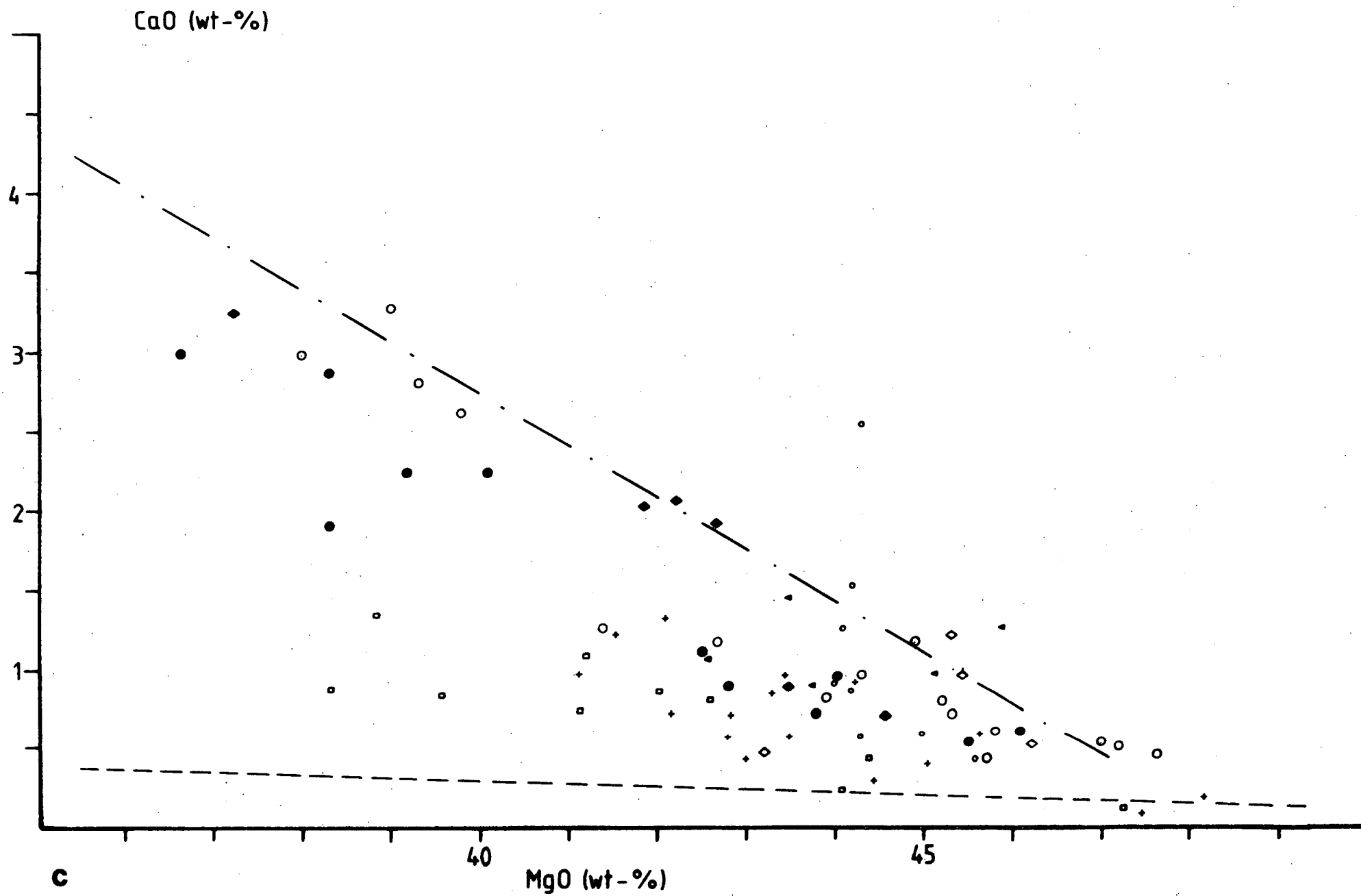
Figure 65a-c: Plots of MgO vs. oxides in wt.% for bulk rock compositions of garnet lherzolites from inclusions in kimberlite. Data from Carswell *et al.* (1979), Cox *et al.* (1973), Nixon & Boyd (1973a), Rhodes & Dawson (1975) and Sobolev (1977).



FeO (wt-%)



b



for olivine-orthopyroxene. The slope of the dashed line in fig. 65 is that of the mixing of an average orthopyroxene with an average olivine from Pipe 200 nodules. This places considerable doubt on the validity of the analyses in respect to them being representative samples. I interpret the chemical variations as real variations, but strongly overprinted by modal variations of olivine and orthopyroxene of the individual nodule. This seems likely, if both coarse grainsize and small size of analysed nodules are considered.

Furthermore, the greater depths of origin for garnet lherzolites enhances the probability of a more complex history. Experimental geochemical studies of Green (1971) showed that a variety of magmas can be generated and extracted from likely original mantle compositions and the variety of primitive basaltic magmas found on continents argues in the same direction. From this point of view individual nodule suites may record the individual magma generation and extraction process of a given part of the upper mantle. Multi-stage histories with more than one event of melt extraction are also envisaged.

Apart from possible metasomatic events which could further contribute to compositional changes in nodules, further complexities are indicated by the difference between granular and sheared nodules. The inferred high temperatures of equilibration and increased levels of incompatible elements in the sheared nodules may be interpreted as the result of magma-nodule (wall-rock) interaction.

For all these reasons it is concluded that a meaningful modelling of the origin of the chemical variation among garnet lherzolites is not possible at this stage. Models ignoring the likelihood of these complexities and the probable sampling errors of the analyses (O'Hara *et al.*, 1975) are subject to large errors and may be misleading.

A suite of garnet lherzolites in minette from the Navajo volcanic field (Ehrenberg, 1979, 1982) shows linear trends in plots of MgO vs. major elements (fig. 65a-c). The trendlines are generally subparallel to the trend shown by Bullenmerri lherzolites. For this suite it is possible to model the composition of the nodules as residues of an incomplete magma extraction. The trendlines do not pass through a composition similar to "pyrolite" and the primary composition of the mantle beneath that region may have been different. Alternatively, different styles of magma generation and extraction (e.g. multiple fractional partial melting) may explain the variations. Ehrenberg records both granular and sheared types, which do not yield different P-T estimates from each other, but systematic differences in FeO and TiO<sub>2</sub> (fig. 65b). A complex history which may include magma-wallrock interaction is therefore envisaged.

APPENDIX 5

Mineral chemistry of phases generated in experimental runs  
in the SMACCR system.



RUN: T-656, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage

Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.35(.26)	1.734	20.55(.36)	1.087	24.00(.23)	2.494	25.40(.27)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.10(.33)	.283	7.40(.60)	.309	20.53(.31)	1.688	38.00(.67)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.25(.50)	1.837	51.43(.51)	1.825	43.00(.07)	2.999	2.12(.73)
CaO	1.89(.08)	.068	17.58(.30)	.668	6.80(.01)	.508	0.38(.05)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.40(.16)	.064	3.03(.17)	.085	5.67(.04)	.313	34.07(.54)
Total		3.988		3.986		8.002	

RUN: T-778, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage

Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.27(.32)	1.737	20.64(.29)	1.096	23.51(.19)	2.459	24.22
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.61(.27)	.264	6.60(.22)	.277	19.48(.21)	1.611	31.38
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.79(.31)	1.829	51.21(.22)	1.825	42.55(.19)	2.986	
CaO	2.20(.20)	.080	17.82(.33)	.680	6.96(.24)	.523	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.12(.29)	.083	3.72(.21)	.104	7.51(.24)	.416	44.41
Total		3.996		3.983		7.998	

RUN: T-1052, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present

Conditions: 1400 C, 27 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.00(.39)	1.760	20.94(.11)	1.104	27.43(.42)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.50(.27)	.298	7.65(.20)	.319	55.88(.30)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.65(.34)	1.843	51.99(.17)	1.839	4.85(.58)
CaO	1.97(.10)	.071	18.36(.15)	.696	0.84(.78)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	.88(.04)	.023	1.06(.06)	.030	10.98(.15)
Total		3.996		3.987	

RUN: T-1052, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present

Conditions: 1400 C, 27 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.77(.08)	1.748	21.29(.16)	1.123	27.14
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.13(.38)	.283	7.28(.15)	.304	56.90
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.99(.33)	1.855	52.02(.12)	1.841	1.63
CaO	2.12(.07)	.077	18.20(.20)	.690	0.82
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	.99(.03)	.026	1.21(.09)	.034	13.51
Total		3.990		3.991	

RUN: T-1063, SOGP-MC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present

Conditions: 1400 C, 27 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.10(.16)	1.768	21.57(.72)	1.138	27.29
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.54(.23)	.260	6.32(.49)	.264	45.05
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.91(.40)	1.856	52.48(.49)	1.858	3.64
CaO	2.11(.15)	.076	18.15(.69)	.688	0.57
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.34(.13)	.036	1.49(.14)	.042	23.46
Total		3.996		3.990	

RUN: T-795, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 22 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	33.13(.16)	1.676	20.49(.50)	1.084	24.78
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.24(.23)	.329	8.63(.30)	.361	34.16
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.35(.26)	1.811	50.47(.45)	1.792	0.55
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.08(.12)	.075	16.55(.53)	.629	0.26
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.20(.10)	.085	3.79(.25)	.106	40.25
Total		3.980		3.973	

RUN: T-1045, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.57(.13)	1.737	21.10	1.111	27.47(.41)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.69(.35)	.305	8.11	.336	57.57(1.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.79(.32)	1.847	52.12	1.838	3.53(2.3)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.07(.12)	.074	17.77	.671	1.48(1.0)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.89(.06)	.023	0.86	.024	9.94(0.9)
Total		3.988		3.981	

RUN: T-1045, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.57(.22)	1.739	21.64(.86)	1.137	28.75
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.51(.28)	.298	7.60(.10)	.315	52.39
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.66(.29)	1.845	52.21(.33)	1.841	3.58
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.42(.11)	.087	17.50(1.0)	.661	0.23
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.83(.05)	.022	1.05(.05)	.029	10.05
Total		3.993		3.985	

RUN: T-1058, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.19(.25)	1.772	21.61(.33)	1.139	27.68(.71)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.04(.53)	.240	6.18(.18)	.257	46.71(2.6)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.29(.50)	1.868	52.65(.23)	1.862	3.62(3.5)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.19(.18)	.079	18.04(.28)	.683	0.55(.68)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.29(.16)	.034	1.52(.16)	.042	21.41(1.5)
Total		3.994		3.986	

RUN: T-1058, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 25 kb, 24 hrs

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.17(.30)	1.770	21.90(.46)	1.152	26.47
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.27(.27)	.249	6.88(.59)	.286	46.76
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.25(.23)	1.865	52.40(.87)	1.850	3.63
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.17(.04)	.078	17.39(.38)	.657	0.75
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.14(.14)	.030	1.43(.29)	.039	22.38
Total		3.994		3.986	

RUN: T- 1068, SSO-HC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 27 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
MgO	35.27(.26)	1.777	22.04(.75)	1.164	27.71(.95)	1.137
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.39(.36)	.215	4.55(.64)	.193	39.48(1.5)	1.281
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.60(.47)	1.880	53.49(.59)	1.895	3.71(1.6)	
CaO	2.12(.25)	.077	18.28(.63)	.694	0.27(.16)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.61(.14)	.043	1.63(.24)	.046	28.81(.96)	.627
Total		3.991		3.988		3.045

RUN: T-850, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 27.5 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp wt. %
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	
MgO	34.72(.40)	1.755	21.64(.50)	1.144	24.41	2.543	25.51(.18)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.48(.22)	.259	6.37(.32)	.266	20.04	1.651	35.94(.23)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.30(.30)	1.842	51.86(.31)	1.840	42.72	2.985	0.69(.48)
CaO	2.04(.30)	.072	17.09(.57)	.650	6.57	.492	0.00
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.46(.16)	.066	3.05(.14)	.086	6.26	.346	37.84(.52)
Total		3.994		3.986		8.016	

RUN: T-1040, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 30 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc
MgO	35.19(.31)	1.766	21.84(.52)	1.150	25.17(.35)	2.584
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.49(.22)	.218	5.19(.20)	.216	22.36(1.1)	1.815
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.40(.18)	1.899	53.69(.22)	1.897	43.79(.78)	3.017
CaO	2.13(.17)	.077	18.25(.43)	.691	6.32(.67)	.466
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.80(.07)	.021	0.98(.05)	.027	2.36(.17)	.129
Total		3.981		3.981		8.011

RUN: T-1057, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 30 kb, 26.5 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp wt. %
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	
MgO	35.38(.33)	1.783	21.96(.38)	1.158	24.17(.23)	2.499	27.58(1.7)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.70(.55)	.227	5.51(.34)	.230	21.16(.18)	1.730	42.51(3.0)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.34(.58)	1.871	53.08(.35)	1.877	43.66(.25)	3.028	2.66(2.7)
CaO	2.11(.13)	.076	17.91(.29)	.679	6.95(.19)	.516	0.32(.28)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.47(.31)	.039	1.54(.23)	.043	4.06(.30)	.223	26.90(1.5)
Total		3.996		3.986		7.996	

RUN: T-1057, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 30 kb, 26.5 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min) wt. %
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	
MgO	35.05(.16)	1.766	22.19(.52)	1.171	24.59(.26)	2.536	26.52
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.70(.20)	.227	5.57(.22)	.232	21.37(.44)	1.742	43.84
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.54(.13)	1.877	52.78(.22)	1.868	43.84(.31)	3.033	2.45
CaO	2.29(.15)	.083	17.74(.52)	.673	6.37(.19)	.472	0.72
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.42(.04)	.038	1.72(.05)	.048	3.82(.50)	.209	26.47
Total		3.991		3.992		7.992	

RUN: T- 921, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 30 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.32(.35)	1.784	21.31(.44)	1.128	23.72(.25)	2.475	25.57(.40)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.52(.38)	.220	5.36(.27)	.224	19.34(.25)	1.596	32.48(.92)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.93(.48)	1.861	52.59(.23)	1.868	43.24(.50)	3.027	3.33(2.3)
CaO	1.86(.04)	.068	18.33(.42)	.698	7.36(.15)	.552	0.94(.22)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.38(.40)	.064	2.41(.16)	.067	6.33(.57)	.350	37.65(3.0)
Total		3.997		3.986		8.000	

RUN: T-808, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, melt present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 30 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.39(.14)	1.784	no cpx other then quench found		23.47(.52)	2.466	26.43
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.19(.09)	.206			18.27(.09)	1.519	25.46
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.39(.18)	1.874			42.33(.36)	2.987	1.41
CaO	1.37(.06)	.049			6.90(.41)	.521	0.40
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.65(.10)	.070			9.03(.58)	.503	46.30
Total		3.986				8.000	

RUN: T-853, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 32.5 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.94(.29)	1.814	21.61(.28)	1.146	23.25(.18)	2.445	24.30(.55)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.00(.45)	.159	3.85(.14)	.162	18.55(.33)	1.542	25.27(1.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.89(.44)	1.893	53.27(.20)	1.895	42.33(.22)	2.986	0.54(.37)
CaO	2.08(.36)	.075	18.63(.32)	.712	7.57(.19)	.572	0.38(.37)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.08(.18)	.055	2.58(.14)	.073	8.29(.55)	.462	49.49(2.0)
Total		3.999		3.988		8.010	

RUN: T-854, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 32.5 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.93(.27)	1.816	not found		23.88(.36)	2.510	24.63
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.11(.24)	.164			18.32(.39)	1.523	21.04
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.57(.34)	1.884			42.27(.13)	2.980	
CaO	1.80(.08)	.066			6.76(.29)	.510	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.58(.19)	.069			8.77(.50)	.488	54.33
Total		3.999				8.013	

RUN: T-855, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1400 C, 35 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.37(.20)	1.834	22.27(.29)	1.176	23.89(.27)	2.512	24.76(.61)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.38(.18)	.134	3.42(.16)	.142	18.28(.28)	1.520	25.46(1.2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.34(.35)	1.906	54.05(.24)	1.915	42.20(.16)	2.977	1.02(1.1)
CaO	1.97(.20)	.071	17.60(.35)	.668	7.00(.20)	.529	0.22(.19)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.94(.28)	.052	2.66(.17)	.074	8.63(.26)	.481	48.52(1.8)
Total		3.999		3.976		8.021	

RUN: T-794, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 35 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.76(.40)	1.802	22.48(.15)	1.191	23.55(.42)	2.467	23.58
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.08(.52)	.162	3.37(.10)	.141	18.65(.55)	1.544	20.16
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.21(.49)	1.901	53.30(.25)	1.895	42.85(.32)	3.011	0.30
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.99(.09)	.072	18.35(.44)	.699	6.82(.27)	.513	0.30
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.96(.09)	.052	2.49(.08)	.070	8.14(.88)	.452	55.66
Total		3.991		3.998		7.989	

RUN: T-905, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 40 kb, 24 hrs

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.40(.14)	1.835	21.61(.38)	1.144	23.29(.07)	2.438	24.18
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.98(.32)	.158	4.28(.32)	.179	19.51(.47)	1.614	27.09
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.02(.41)	1.894	53.22(.72)	1.891	42.66(.22)	2.996	3.16
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.72(.08)	.062	18.57(.52)	.707	7.78(.04)	.585	0.98
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.86(.18)	.049	2.30(.32)	.064	6.75(.67)	.374	44.58
Total		4.000		3.986		8.009	

RUN: T-899, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 40 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.03(.33)	1.819	22.97(.11)	1.212	23.62(.43)	2.479	24.59
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.66(.29)	.146	4.00(.13)	.166	18.20(.34)	1.510	25.09
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.11(.31)	1.909	53.36(.46)	1.889	42.80(.50)	3.014	0.81
CaO <sup>2</sup>	2.06(.13)	.074	16.64(.53)	.631	7.00(.44)	.528	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.12(.19)	.056	3.03(.24)	.084	8.36(.52)	.465	49.52
Total		3.997		3.984		7.997	

RUN: T-912, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1400 C, 45 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.15(.16)	1.820	22.24(.54)	1.173	23.41(.30)	2.447	24.96(.28)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.59(.26)	.142	3.83(.24)	.159	19.36(.81)	1.600	28.79(1.0)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.62(.27)	1.913	54.02(.29)	1.911	42.89(.33)	3.008	3.58(.60)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.92(.09)	.069	17.81(.47)	.675	7.51(.32)	.564	0.91(.14)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.72(.14)	.045	2.10(.15)	.058	6.84(.74)	.379	41.75(.02)
Total		3.992		3.978		8.001	

RUN: T-876, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1350 C, 30 kb, 27.5 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.05(.30)	1.831	20.57(.18)	1.090	22.83(.24)	2.387	23.97(.23)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.38(.21)	.174	4.23(.17)	.177	19.24(.21)	1.591	28.34(.22)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.30(.24)	1.900	53.71(.24)	1.909	43.17(.26)	3.029	0.95(.07)
CaO	1.48(.07)	.053	19.26(.30)	.733	7.36(.31)	.554	0.23(.02)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.76(.14)	.046	2.23(.11)	.063	7.40(.31)	.410	46.49(.24)
Total		3.988		3.972		7.971	

RUN: T-876, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1350 C, 30 kb, 27.5 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.92(.17)	1.811	20.77(.06)	1.100	23.18(.35)	2.424	26.86
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.07(.15)	.162	4.08(.10)	.171	19.00(.34)	1.572	21.05
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.12(.26)	1.898	53.43(.34)	1.905	43.11(.32)	3.025	2.63
CaO	1.88(.15)	.068	18.78(.28)	.715	7.02(.26)	.528	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.99(.11)	.053	2.77(.11)	.077	7.69(.46)	.427	49.46
Total		3.993		3.970		7.976	

RUN: T-630, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 15 kb, 43 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.62(.48)	1.752	20.17(.07)	1.071	24.53(.42)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.35(.30)	.254	6.78(.26)	.284	36.76(2.8)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.24(.37)	1.841	51.32(.14)	1.829	5.79(3.5)
CaO	2.34(.28)	.085	18.92(.14)	.722	1.84(1.0)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.44(.29)	.065	2.80(.09)	.078	31.07(1.4)
Total		3.998		3.988	

RUN: T-629, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 20 kb, 43 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.95(.40)	1.765	21.19(.50)	1.122	25.30(.45)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.51(.53)	.259	6.68(.34)	.279	38.88(.72)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.40(.30)	1.843	51.55(.17)	1.831	1.48(1.6)
CaO	1.86(.05)	.067	17.82(.35)	.678	0.40(.15)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.27(.16)	.060	2.75(.05)	.077	33.91(1.5)
Total		3.996		3.989	

RUN: T-811, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, some persisting pure pyropes  
Conditions: 1300 C, 20 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.40(.49)	1.733	19.77(.77)	1.048	26.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.44(.65)	.336	7.32(.30)	.307	21.67
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.51(.73)	1.809	51.43(.15)	1.830	7.28
CaO	0.99(.28)	.035	18.61(.90)	.709	0.28
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.66(.61)	.071	2.86(.07)	.080	44.73
Total		3.986		3.976	

RUN: T-909, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 25 kb, 43 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.15(.32)	1.773	18.94(.07)	1.010	23.31(.17)	2.423	25.01(.31)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.06(.14)	.281	6.50(.16)	.274	21.31(.19)	1.752	35.48(1.3)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.04(.12)	1.829	51.43(.16)	1.840	42.68(.27)	2.977	2.38(1.1)
CaO	1.44(.30)	.052	20.39(.27)	.781	7.25(.22)	.541	0.17(.15)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.31(.11)	.061	2.74(.04)	.077	5.45(.25)	.300	36.93(.89)
Total		3.998		3.983		7.996	

RUN: T-918, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 25 kb, 46 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.67(.18)	1.749	19.42(.89)	1.032	25.64
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.04(.23)	.281	7.33(.35)	.308	31.41
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.34(.32)	1.838	51.20(.43)	1.826	8.35
CaO	1.61(.12)	.058	19.28(1.0)	.737	0.85
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.33(.30)	.062	2.76(.20)	.078	33.75
Total		3.989		3.981	

RUN: T-977, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 30 kb, 31 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.17(.31)	1.819	20.32(.31)	1.076	22.97(.29)	2.400	24.95(.80)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.14(.17)	.164	4.21(.30)	.176	19.39(.30)	1.602	27.25(1.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.47(.18)	1.905	53.83(.29)	1.912	43.22(.32)	3.029	2.60(.82)
CaO	1.48(.15)	.053	19.22(.28)	.731	7.29(.23)	.548	1.40(1.0)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.72(.17)	.045	2.42(.06)	.068	7.12(.29)	.394	43.78(2.4)
Total		3.989		3.964		7.973	

RUN: T-879, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1300 C, 30 kb, 31 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.87(.15)	1.807	20.37(.32)	1.081	23.30(.30)	2.438	24.69
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.36(.18)	.173	4.43(.13)	.186	19.29(.44)	1.596	24.59
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.11(.21)	1.896	53.30(.35)	1.898	42.87(.36)	3.006	1.56
CaO	1.65(.18)	.059	19.50(.59)	.744	7.38(.32)	.555	0.29
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.99(.09)	.053	2.39(.06)	.068	7.16(.44)	.397	48.87
Total		3.990		3.977		7.992	

RUN: T-883, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1250 C, 30 kb, 46 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.72(.19)	1.847	19.95(.15)	1.060	23.55(.53)	2.449	25.27(.95)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.00(.30)	.159	3.58(.29)	.150	19.87(.40)	1.634	26.64(2.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.34(.56)	1.901	53.88(.06)	1.921	43.50(.36)	3.035	3.49(3.8)
CaO	1.04(.08)	.037	20.72(.15)	.791	7.11(.34)	.531	0.39(.01)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.90(.49)	.051	1.87(.05)	.052	5.98(.86)	.329	44.18(3.5)
Total		3.995		3.976		7.981	

RUN: T-889, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, melt present  
Conditions: 1250 C, 30 kb, 47.5 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	37.03(.27)	1.862	no good analyses obtained, but present		23.30(.25)	2.438	25.73
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.51(.28)	.139			19.51(.59)	1.614	20.89
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.55(.31)	1.908			42.65(.28)	2.994	0.53
CaO	1.18(.09)	.042			7.58(.25)	.570	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.71(.14)	.045			6.96(.69)	.386	52.85
Total		3.998				8.004	

RUN: T-623, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, melt present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 15 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	33.98(.61)	1.725	18.13(.85)	.967	24.47(.40)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.29(.97)	.372	7.79(.54)	.328	38.87(1.8)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	51.54(1.2)	1.755	50.75(.58)	1.816	1.53(1.4)
CaO	1.29(.15)	.047	20.16(.92)	.773	0.43(.14)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.88(.77)	.104	3.13(.31)	.088	34.67(1.2)
Total		4.005		3.974	

RUN: T-622, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 20 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	33.28(.48)	1.676	18.73(1.2)	.997	24.71(.41)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.51(.24)	.338	7.90(.37)	.332	38.58(2.2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.13(.14)	1.829	50.79(.25)	1.813	1.97(1.4)
CaO	1.74(.23)	.063	19.57(1.2)	.749	0.53(.27)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.32(.08)	.061	3.01(.22)	.085	34.18(1.3)
Total		3.970		3.977	

RUN: T-796, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 20 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	33.73(.28)	1.701	17.94(.44)	.956	25.90
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.00(.62)	.358	8.88(.66)	.374	32.88
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.29(.39)	1.803	50.10(.45)	1.792	2.78
CaO	1.57(.24)	.056	19.88(.63)	.761	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.39(.20)	.063	3.21(.23)	.090	38.44
Total		3.984		3.975	

RUN: T-655, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 20 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	34.42(.26)	1.738	17.58(.82)	.939	25.02(.29)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.60(.36)	.343	8.60(.31)	.363	38.62(.907)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.92(.53)	1.793	50.05(.37)	1.794	0.78(.63)
CaO	1.06(.09)	.038	20.40(.77)	.783	0.36(.11)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.01(.24)	.080	3.36(.14)	.095	35.20(1.1)
Total		3.994		3.976	



RUN: T-1054, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 21kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.17(.14)	1.813	19.12(.37)	1.017	28.06(.72)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.50(.40)	.258	6.25(.15)	.263	57.05(5.3)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.52(.31)	1.867	52.27(.18)	1.865	5.32(5.2)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.21(.07)	.044	21.49(.41)	.822	0.47(.37)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.61(.06)	.016	.87(.05)	.025	9.07(.74)
Total		3.997		3.991	

RUN: T-1054, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 21 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.18(.28)	1.813	19.38(.35)	1.031	28.77
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.27(.74)	.248	6.21(.22)	.261	57.16
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.68(.49)	1.872	52.22(.16)	1.863	2.90
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.38(.15)	.050	21.43(.17)	.819	0.24
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.51(.13)	.014	0.76(.09)	.021	10.93
Total		3.997		3.996	

RUN: T-895, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 22.5 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.83(.32)	1.806	18.52(.48)	.988	23.79(.39)	2.466	25.05(.11)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.44(.40)	.257	6.52(.35)	.275	21.35(.19)	1.750	36.05(2.7)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.49(.38)	1.842	51.46(.44)	1.842	43.11(.25)	2.998	1.88(.88)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.14(.16)	.042	20.80(.42)	.798	6.99(.36)	.521	0.23(.21)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.09(.21)	.056	2.70(.16)	.076	4.76(.22)	.262	36.77(2.1)
Total		4.003		3.979		7.997	

RUN: T-1062, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 23 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.00(.11)	1.805	19.60(.39)	1.042	28.83(1.8)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.13(.50)	.283	6.94(.32)	.292	53.41(1.2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.00(.44)	1.850	51.67(.19)	1.842	8.16(.37)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.13(.08)	.041	20.85(.47)	.796	0.71(.37)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.74(.10)	.020	0.95(.09)	.027	8.86(.16)
Total		3.999		3.999	

RUN: T-1062, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 23 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.26(.44)	1.817	19.42(.36)	1.030	29.23
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.01(.53)	.238	6.13(.24)	.257	50.63
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.89(.15)	1.879	52.66(.23)	1.875	11.74
CaO	1.20(.01)	.043	21.11(.32)	.805	0.32
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.64(.03)	.017	0.69(.15)	.019	8.08
Total		3.994		3.987	

RUN: T-1047, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.51(.35)	1.830	19.84(.40)	1.055	24.95(.42)	2.557	27.17(1.2)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.37(.32)	.213	5.13(.34)	.215	22.95(.48)	1.860	56.34(4.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.13(.23)	1.888	52.71(.57)	1.881	43.88(.32)	3.017	3.64(3.2)
CaO	1.21(.10)	.044	21.29(.35)	.814	6.48(.09)	.477	0.88(1.2)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.78(.07)	.021	1.04(.18)	.029	1.73(.22)	.094	11.95(2.8)
Total		3.995		3.996		8.006	

RUN: T-1047, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.52(.39)	1.833	19.48(.32)	1.050	25.21(.44)	2.583	27.41
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.90(.33)	.194	4.63(.29)	.197	22.69(.30)	1.839	37.52
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.25(.18)	1.894	53.10(.21)	1.883	43.99(.11)	3.022	5.43
CaO	1.43(.15)	.052	21.56(.07)	.835	5.93(.13)	.437	0.64
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.90(.07)	.024	1.22(.07)	.035	2.19(.10)	.119	29.00
Total		3.997		4.000		8.000	

RUN: T-1060, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present, melt present,  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.13(.26)	1.814	19.76(.27)	1.051	30.32(2.0)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.40(.39)	.214	4.81(.24)	.202	43.41(6.7)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.94(.50)	1.884	53.00(.13)	1.891	8.48(4.0)
CaO	1.43(.15)	.052	21.19(.36)	.810	1.03(1.3)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.11(.20)	.030	1.24(.02)	.035	16.75(.78)
Total		3.994		3.990	

RUN: T-1060, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present, gt zoned  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.71(.17)	1.795	19.96(.58)	1.061	25.34	2.599	26.06
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.05(.36)	.201	5.11(.29)	.214	21.69	1.759	43.33
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.20(.37)	1.895	52.81(.44)	1.883	44.48	3.060	5.33
CaO	2.20(.15)	.080	20.92(.55)	.780	6.31	.465	1.60
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.83(.18)	.022	1.21(.10)	.034	2.18	.119	23.69
Total		3.993		3.992		8.001	

RUN: T-645, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage,  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 70 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.01(.47)	1.814	18.32(.42)	.980	23.99(.15)	2.493	26.59(.97)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.50(.79)	.218	5.54(1.4)	.234	21.18(.27)	1.741	26.85(1.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.17(.68)	1.865	51.86(.55)	1.861	42.63(.37)	2.972	5.65(4.1)
CaO	0.92(.05)	.033	21.34(1.2)	.821	6.94(.44)	.519	0.51(.46)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.40(.43)	.063	2.93(.24)	.083	5.27(.92)	.291	40.37(1.8)
Total		3.993		3.979		8.016	

RUN: T-812, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 25 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	35.45(.40)	1.785	18.84(.37)	1.006	23.49(.29)	2.447	24.67
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.64(.24)	.225	5.18(.45)	.219	20.27(.26)	1.667	26.29
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.44(.19)	1.872	52.11(.62)	1.865	43.29(.30)	3.021	1.78
CaO	1.33(.25)	.048	20.79(1.0)	.798	7.41(.46)	.554	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.14(.12)	.057	3.08(.46)	.087	5.53(.38)	.305	47.26
Total		3.987		3.975		7.992	

RUN: T-1053, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 27 kb, 72 hrs.

Phase	opx		cpx		gt		sp	sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	35.95(.33)	1.803	19.86(.18)	1.055	24.97(.61)	2.558		
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.55(.27)	.220	4.93(.12)	.207	22.24(1.2)	1.802		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.11(.38)	1.888	53.12(.29)	1.893	44.37(.49)	3.050		not fou
CaO	1.41(.08)	.051	20.91(.54)	.798	6.28(.14)	.463		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.99(.17)	.026	1.18(.14)	.033	2.17(.07)	.118		
Total		3.989		3.987		7.990		

RUN: T-1053, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present, both pyrope  
Conditions: 1200 C, 27 kb, 72 hrs. and picotite unreacted

Phases	opx		cpx	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	36.49(.26)	1.832	20.25(.70)	1.074
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.78(.51)	.190	4.61(.25)	.193
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.30(.36)	1.896	53.52(.23)	1.904
CaO	1.37(.13)	.049	20.65(.61)	.787
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.07(.33)	.028	5.97(.30)	.027
Total		3.995		3.986

RUN: T-1068, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 27 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.70(.17)	1.840	19.56(.54)	1.043	24.76(.74)	2.542	29.33(2.1)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.63(.19)	.184	4.01(.17)	.169	22.64(.76)	1.838	40.15(4.9)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.57(.21)	1.903	53.27(.36)	1.905	43.73(.13)	3.012	8.69(5.0)
CaO	1.07(.10)	.039	21.93(.37)	.840	6.04(1.1)	.446	1.30(1.0)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.02(.11)	.027	1.24(.16)	.035	2.84(.56)	.155	20.51(2.6)
Total		3.992		3.993		7.992	

RUN: T-1068, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 27 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.40(.20)	1.825	19.90(.69)	1.059	24.89(.66)	2.551	24.72
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.66(.22)	.185	4.18(.29)	.176	22.94(.68)	1.859	31.18
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.64(.27)	1.905	53.28(.54)	1.903	43.88(.06)	3.017	12.98
CaO	1.29(.16)	.046	21.28(.64)	.814	6.07(.59)	.447	4.30
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.01(.06)	.027	1.36(.12)	.038	2.22(.63)	.121	26.83
Total		3.989		3.990		7.994	

RUN: T-1048, SSO-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	37.33(.26)	1.870	20.18(.36)	1.073	24.57(.08)	2.526
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.74(.32)	.148	3.60(.26)	.151	22.69(.27)	1.844
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.11(.28)	1.920	53.83(.09)	1.920	43.59(.07)	3.006
CaO	1.16(.10)	.042	21.32(.42)	.814	6.54(.17)	.483
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.67(.06)	.018	1.07(.05)	.030	2.60(.23)	.142
Total		3.997		3.989		8.001

RUN: T-1048, SOGP-LC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
MgO	36.89(.17)	1.852	19.91(.39)	1.060	24.17(.46)	2.490
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.93(.33)	.156	3.90(.28)	.164	22.22(.98)	1.810
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.70(.27)	1.910	53.39(.40)	1.907	43.68(.11)	3.018
CaO	1.40(.13)	.050	21.24(.37)	.813	6.92(.48)	.512
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.09(.07)	.029	1.57(.07)	.044	3.01(.95)	.164
Total		3.998		3.989		7.994

RUN: T-1059, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.94(.19)	1.853	20.35(.51)	1.082	23.77(.29)	2.461	26.23(.05)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.76(.38)	.149	3.63(.17)	.153	20.96(1.0)	1.716	37.32(.88)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.02(.37)	1.919	53.66(.29)	1.914	43.76(.24)	3.039	3.35(2.0)
CaO	1.14(.22)	.041	20.95(.56)	.801	7.45(.55)	.554	1.29(.60)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.13(.14)	.030	1.41(.07)	.040	4.05(.63)	.222	31.80(1.9)
Total		3.992		3.989		7.992	

RUN: t-1059, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.76(.18)	1.844	20.23(.52)	1.075	23.96(.23)	2.469	26.17
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.66(.19)	.145	3.50(.15)	.147	22.03(.50)	1.795	33.16
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.10(.20)	1.922	53.89(.17)	1.922	43.78(.25)	3.027	4.13
CaO	1.42(.26)	.051	21.03(.68)	.803	6.80(.29)	.504	0.80
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.06(.07)	.028	1.35(.05)	.038	3.44(.51)	.188	35.74
Total		3.991		3.986		7.982	

RUN: T-1072, SOGP-MC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.77(.10)	1.845	20.29(.39)	1.079	24.33(.18)	2.507	25.63
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.06(.11)	.161	3.91(.11)	.164	21.70(.40)	1.768	35.39
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.75(.08)	1.911	53.46(.36)	1.907	43.83(.24)	3.030	2.19
CaO	1.28(.13)	.046	20.81(.36)	.795	6.66(.06)	.493	1.30
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.14(.03)	.030	1.53(.15)	.043	3.49(.19)	.191	35.50
Total		3.994		3.989		7.990	

RUN: T-1079, SOGP-MC2, Dry Assemblage, Pt capsule, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 73 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.94(.22)	1.854	19.81(.64)	1.056	24.31(.25)	2.505	25.84
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.02(.17)	.160	4.00(.26)	.169	22.12(.43)	1.803	37.36
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.68(.23)	1.909	53.11(.37)	1.900	43.52(.14)	3.009	4.41
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.23(.23)	.044	21.56(.61)	.826	6.61(.24)	.490	0.85
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.13(.06)	.030	1.53(.19)	.043	3.45(.40)	.189	31.54
Total		3.997		3.994		7.995	

RUN: T-1072, SSO-HC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.61(.17)	1.839	19.73(.27)	1.051	27.53(1.1)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.76(.35)	.189	4.30(.25)	.181	38.76(2.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.04(.57)	1.889	53.06(.34)	1.897	3.09(2.9)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.24(.12)	.045	21.50(.17)	.823	0.16(.22)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.36(.23)	.036	1.42(.12)	.040	30.43(2.3)
Total		3.998		3.993	

RUN: T- 1079, SSO-HC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 73 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.55(.28)	1.835	19.62(.47)	1.046	23.96(.37)	2.477	26.51(.40)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.60(.13)	.183	3.76(.18)	.158	21.45(.38)	1.753	38.39(1.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.33(.25)	1.897	53.48(.27)	1.912	43.61(.35)	3.024	3.03(2.1)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.34(.17)	.048	21.70(.57)	.831	7.22(.27)	.536	0.40(.30)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.19(.16)	.032	1.44(.07)	.041	3.75(.19)	.206	31.64(2.2)
Total		3.995		3.988		7.996	

RUN: T-644, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 70 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.89(.16)	1.857	20.43(.82)	1.087	23.83	2.478	25.84(1.2)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.77(.47)	.150	3.21(.56)	.135	20.52	1.687	24.19(1.6)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.30(.41)	1.901	53.61(.55)	1.915	42.98	2.998	4.10(2.5)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.15(.14)	.041	20.22(.88)	.774	6.72	.502	0.46(.11)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.90(.34)	.051	2.54(.11)	.072	5.96	.329	45.39(2.4)
Total		4.000		3.982		7.994	

RUN: T-813, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, gt zoned  
Conditions: 1200 C, 30 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp(min)
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	36.46(.39)	1.835	20.30(.78)	1.079	24.10	2.503	23.64
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.44(.25)	.136	3.41(.13)	.143	20.48	1.682	16.31
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.70(.28)	1.914	53.61(.32)	1.912	43.15	3.006	1.38
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.53(.30)	.055	19.69(.86)	.752	6.47	.483	0.28
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.85(.20)	.049	3.00(.34)	.084	5.80	.319	58.39
Total		3.991		3.973		7.993	

RUN: T-1073, SSO-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	37.54(.30)	1.883	20.05(.29)	1.068	23.88(.06)	2.483		present , but no good analyses obtained.
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.49(.34)	.099	2.34(.35)	.099	20.24(.38)	1.664		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.69(.47)	1.941	54.41(.27)	1.945	43.21(.28)	3.014		
CaO	1.09(.16)	.039	21.83(.27)	.836	7.16(.11)	.535		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.19(.37)	.032	1.36(.09)	.039	5.52(.08)	.304		
Total		3.994		3.986		8.001		

RUN: T-1073, SOGP-MC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present  
Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	37.39(.24)	1.876	20.24(.26)	1.078	23.26(.55)	2.424	25.24	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.76(.24)	.109	2.38(.35)	.100	19.79(.53)	1.631	20.32	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.52(.14)	1.936	54.40(.42)	1.943	43.40(.32)	3.034	6.12	
CaO	1.28(.17)	.046	21.49(.40)	.822	7.83(.57)	.587	1.24	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.03(.12)	.027	1.49(.13)	.042	5.72(.79)	.316	47.08	
Total		3.995		3.986		7.992		

RUN: T-1061, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	37.50(.08)	1.880	19.47(.18)	1.037	23.46(.24)	2.450	27.01(1.3)	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.57(.22)	.102	2.35(.11)	.099	18.88(.72)	1.559	22.41(3.0)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.71(.58)	1.941	54.79(.08)	1.957	43.49(.12)	3.047	3.24(4.2)	
CaO	1.02(.03)	.037	21.77(.31)	.833	7.59(.21)	.570	0.23(.20)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.19(.14)	.032	1.61(.13)	.046	6.59(.45)	.365	47.09(6.1)	
Total		3.992		3.971		3.991		

RUN: T-1061, SOGP-HC2, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	37.16(.24)	1.866	19.63(.29)	1.046	22.98(.11)	2.407	25.16	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.74(.22)	.109	2.55(.14)	.107	18.72(.21)	1.550	21.45	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.40(.20)	1.934	54.36(.24)	1.943	43.21(.13)	3.037	1.18	
CaO	1.23(.08)	.044	21.42(.38)	.820	7.90(.07)	.595		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.47(.17)	.039	2.04(.18)	.058	7.19(.38)	.399	52.20	
Total		3.992		3.974		7.988		

RUN: T-923, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1150 C, 25 kb, 118 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	36.21(.21)	1.820	18.41(.23)	.983	23.74(.33)	2.462	26.22(.60)	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.39(.17)	.214	4.90(.15)	.207	21.20(.91)	1.738	32.60(.24)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.61(.28)	1.875	52.69(.15)	1.888	43.17(.50)	3.003	4.95(1.7)	
CaO	0.96(.12)	.035	21.90(.45)	.841	7.35(.67)	.548	0.67(.40)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.83(.20)	.049	2.10(.06)	.059	4.56(1.1)	.251	35.55(.69)	
Total		3.993		3.979		8.002		

RUN: T-891, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1150 C, 30 kb, 118 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	38.00(.21)	1.904	19.33(.58)	1.048	23.40(.57)	2.439	24.82(.80)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.94(.22)	.112	2.48(.52)	.104	19.83(.52)	1.634	21.65(1.2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.33(.20)	1.928	54.12(.42)	1.937	43.21(.11)	3.022	3.74(1.8)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	0.68(.06)	.024	21.83(.70)	.837	7.66(.27)	.574	0.99(1.1)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.14(.09)	.030	1.92(.37)	.054	5.88(.75)	.325	48.78(3.0)
Total		4.000		3.982		7.997	

RUN: T-888, SOGP-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1150 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	37.24(.40)	1.871	19.33(.41)	1.032	23.28(.24)	2.431	24.89
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.60(.44)	.143	3.03(.20)	.128	19.76(.27)	1.632	23.48
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.61(.60)	1.908	53.74(.13)	1.925	42.94(.19)	3.009	1.90
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.06(.35)	.039	21.96(.72)	.843	7.55(.23)	.567	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.49(.21)	.040	1.93(.07)	.055	6.47(.27)	.358	49.82
Total		4.001		3.983		7.997	

RUN: T-640, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, opx possibly zoned  
Conditions: 1100 C, 15 kb, 87 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	34.49(.31)	1.743	18.79(1.2)	1.002	24.77(.32)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.79(.79)	.311	7.31(.73)	.308	39.76(2.2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.38(1.5)	1.810	50.82(1.0)	1.819	3.64(1.1)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.28(.12)	.046	19.88(1.6)	.762	0.59(.17)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.06(.97)	.082	3.17(.66)	.089	31.21(2.2)
Total		3.993		3.981	

RUN: T-627, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, opx possibly zoned  
Conditions: 1100 C, 20 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	34.11(.93)	1.728	17.29(1.4)	.923	24.68(.02)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.61(1.3)	.345	7.74(.25)	.327	37.03(.27)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.32(1.7)	1.779	50.92(.44)	1.825	0.33(.33)
CaO	0.99(.18)	.036	20.91(1.5)	.803	0.27(.01)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.95(1.3)	.106	3.10(.13)	.087	37.66(.65)
Total		3.995		3.967	

RUN: T-639, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage  
Conditions: 1100 C, 25 kb, 87 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	36.61(.12)	1.844	18.99(.71)	1.015	24.27(.37)	2.508	27.05(.25)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.72(.34)	.188	5.48(.56)	.231	21.82(.67)	1.783	32.77(1.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.46(.83)	1.874	51.73(.69)	1.855	43.21(.42)	2.996	5.45(.92)
CaO <sup>2</sup>	0.94(.25)	.034	20.67(.49)	.794	6.61(.47)	.491	0.46(.13)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.25(.71)	.060	3.14(.70)	.088	4.06(.16)	.222	34.24(.72)
Total		4.001		3.984		8.001	

RUN: T-628, SSO-HC, Pt capsule, Dry Assemblage, Fo present, melt present  
Conditions: 1100 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	37.15(.20)	1.870	19.29(1.1)	1.026	23.12(.48)	2.598	25.02(.16)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.52(.08)	.140	3.23(.56)	.135	20.39(1.3)	1.668	23.02(2.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.27(.31)	1.900	54.10(.63)	1.931	43.57(1.1)	3.024	4.73(1.2)
CaO	0.82(.10)	.029	20.58(1.2)	.787	6.08(.27)	.452	0.61(.07)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.24(.47)	.060	2.81(.55)	.079	4.84(.07)	.265	46.60(1.6)
Total		3.999		3.960		8.008	

RUN: T-676, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 1050 C, 20 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	37.27(.38)	1.870	19.04(.65)	1.018	24.51(.80)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.43(.56)	.175	3.43(.35)	.145	38.53(1.5)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.20(.73)	1.892	53.25(.45)	1.911	4.71(2.4)
CaO	0.64(.06)	.023	22.69(.58)	.872	0.89(.49)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.44(.56)	.038	1.57(.22)	.044	31.33(.99)
Total		4.000		3.993	

RUN: T-682, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 1050 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	38.07(.53)	1.908	19.59(.28)	1.050	23.12(.40)	2.417	25.27(1.1)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.85(.52)	.073	2.08(.19)	.088	19.78(.72)	1.635	19.25(.58)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.11(.55)	1.953	53.67(.38)	1.930	42.84(.12)	3.004	5.46(2.1)
CaO	0.63(.16)	.023	22.67(.22)	.873	7.94(.57)	.597	0.76(.50)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.35(.28)	.036	2.00(.23)	.057	6.33(.97)	.351	49.24(1.2)
Total		3.993		3.998		8.004	

RUN: T-712, SSO-HCF, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, Fo present  
Conditions: 1000 C, 20 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	37.85(.26)	1.897	18.81(.05)	1.008	27.86(1.7)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.64(.42)	.144	2.68(.30)	.113	40.17(1.8)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.75(.36)	1.909	53.59(.26)	1.907	4.17(.60)
CaO	0.58(.12)	.020	23.55(.46)	.907	0.21(.42)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.16(.12)	.030	1.3(.12)	.038	27.56(1.3)
Total		4.003		3.996	

RUN: T-722, SGL-HCF, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 1000 C, 20 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		sp
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%
MgO	37.06(.40)	1.854	18.88(.82)	1.011	27.82(.42)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.27(.92)	.169	3.46(.46)	.146	35.67(3.1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.05(.75)	1.914	53.03(.89)	1.906	5.60(3.2)
CaO	0.58(.09)	.020	23.29(.95)	.897	1.11(1.5)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.04(.24)	.027	1.34(.29)	.038	29.77(7.7)
Total		3.986		4.000	



RUN: T-742, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, Fo present  
Conditions: 1000 C, 30 kb, 335 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	38.54(.28)	1.930	20.01(.36)	1.069	23.70(.19)	2.474	22.56(1.2)	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.81(.28)	.072	1.73(.33)	.073	20.43(.63)	1.686	21.61(2.3)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.02(.35)	1.950	54.20(.34)	1.943	42.41(.54)	2.969	1.86(1.4)	
CaO	0.45(.15)	.016	22.48(.63)	.864	7.26(.31)	.544	0.32(.64)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.17(.24)	.031	1.58(.30)	.045	6.20(.86)	.343	53.62(4.4)	
Total		3.999		3.994		8.016		

RUN: T-729, SGL-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, Fo present  
Conditions: 1000 C, 30 kb, 48 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	38.15(.34)	1.910	19.17(.14)	1.027	23.13(.99)	2.416		
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.87(.37)	.074	1.85(.23)	.078	20.03(1.2)	1.654		present, but
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.23(.32)	1.956	53.93(.38)	1.940	42.72(.34)	2.994		no good analyses
CaO	0.47(.06)	.016	23.06(.12)	.888	7.65(1.2)	.574		obtained
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.25(.18)	.033	1.99(.30)	.056	6.47(1.4)	.358		
Total		3.990		3.992		7.998		

RUN: T-683, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 1000 C, 30 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp(min)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	38.07(.27)	1.911	19.62(.26)	1.050	22.53	2.356	23.87(.03)	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.23(.25)	.088	1.77(.49)	.074	19.92	1.647	22.32(.24)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.35(.45)	1.931	54.13(.51)	1.944	42.80	3.004	4.59(2.2)	
CaO	0.49(.09)	.017	22.99(.37)	.884	8.12	.610	0.97(.49)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.85(.40)	.049	1.47(.24)	.041	6.64	.368	48.23(2.6)	
Total		3.999		3.996		7.987		

RUN: T-693, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wt Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 950 C, 20 kb, 120 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	36.59(.76)	1.833	18.99(.35)	1.015	23.86(.84)	2.472	26.00(.52)	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.98(.56)	.197	3.10(.49)	.131	21.39(.24)	1.752	36.00(.82)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.42(.68)	1.896	53.77(.17)	1.927	43.29(.14)	3.009	2.64(3.1)	
CaO	0.43(.02)	.015	22.43(.78)	.862	7.73(.82)	.575	0.13(.16)	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.56(.21)	.041	1.72(.16)	.049	3.71(.40)	.203	35.21(3.6)	
Total		3.984		3.984		8.012		

RUN: T-688, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, Fo presen  
Conditions: 950 C, 30 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	
MgO	38.24(.22)	1.918	19.60(.91)	1.049	22.95(.49)	2.388		
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.19(.22)	.086	1.47(1.3)	.062	21.20(.23)	1.744		probably
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.47(.43)	1.934	54.33(.55)	1.952	42.96(.99)	2.999		present,
CaO	0.42(.05)	.015	23.24(2.0)	.894	8.78(.70)	.656		not found
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.65(.48)	.043	1.35(.45)	.038	4.09(1.5)	.225		
Total		3.999		3.997		8.015		

RUN: T-937, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 900 C, 25 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	37.36(.32)	1.874	18.90(.66)	1.012	24.13(.81)	2.512	25.47
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.10(.29)	.162	3.09(.39)	.130	20.16(.36)	1.656	31.86
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.50(.10)	1.901	53.37(.23)	1.918	43.45(.75)	3.028	6.48
CaO	0.35(.05)	.012	22.85(.82)	.879	7.70(.76)	.575	1.17
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.67(.06)	.044	1.76(.15)	.050	4.50(.67)	.247	35.02
Total		3.995		3.991		8.019	

RUN: T-948, SOGP-HC, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, gt zoned  
Conditions: 900 C, 25 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp(min)
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	36.37(.19)	1.819	19.01(.48)	1.016	25.80	2.645	19.96
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.43(.12)	.175	2.66(.68)	.112	20.77	1.683	26.91
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.26(.20)	1.921	53.91(.53)	1.934	44.83	3.083	10.51
CaO	0.56(.09)	.020	22.48(.40)	.864	5.14	.378	1.39
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.36(.36)	.036	1.92(.53)	.054	3.46	.188	41.22
Total		3.972		3.982		7.980	

RUN: T-930, SSO-HC, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added  
Conditions: 900 C, 30 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt		sp
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	38.46(.32)	1.922	18.63(.12)	1.001	23.52(.40)	2.441	26.27(.88)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.21(.26)	.087	0.11(.19)	.005	20.13(.15)	1.652	27.02(1.4)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.18(.19)	1.951	55.34(.15)	1.995	44.05(.32)	3.067	5.21(3.1)
CaO	0.22(.15)	.008	25.40(.21)	.981	3.47(.20)	.632	0.45(.77)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.93(.19)	.025	0.52(.05)	.015	3.83(.41)	.211	41.04(1.9)
Total		3.993		3.996		8.001	

RUN: T-932, SOGP-HC, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage, water added, gt zoned  
Conditions: 900 C, 30 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp(min)
	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %	struc	wt. %
MgO	38.55(.31)	1.927	19.00(.17)	1.020	24.10	2.502	25.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.81(.30)	.072	1.13(.12)	.048	20.42	1.676	17.00
SiO <sub>2</sub>	58.43(.22)	1.960	54.46(.10)	1.961	43.41	3.024	0.60
CaO	0.46(.07)	.017	24.09(.14)	.929	7.68	.573	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.75(.08)	.020	1.34(.05)	.038	4.39	.242	57.38
Total		3.995		3.996		8.017	

APPENDIX 6

Analyses of run products of experiments in multicomponent  
("natural") systems.

RUN: T-1148, TP-40, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
Conditions: 1000 C, 35 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O			1.45(.12)	.101		
MgO	33.72(.39)	1.733	17.09(.41)	.919	19.04	2.033
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.42(.20)	.057	2.67(.08)	.113	21.61	1.824
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.26(.14)	1.974	54.68(.12)	1.974	42.21	3.024
CaO <sup>2</sup>	0.75(.26)	.027	19.77(.44)	.764	5.59	.429
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.21	.011
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.35(.05)	.009	1.19(.08)	.033	2.06(	.116
FeO	6.50(.07)	.187	3.12(.11)	.094	9.04	.541
MnO					0.25	.015
Total		3.991		4.002		7.995

RUN: T-1148, TP-40C, Ag<sub>75</sub>Pd<sub>25</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
Conditions: 1000 C, 35 kb, 96 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O			1.46(.08)	.102				
MgO	34.00(.31)	1.748	17.31(.47)	.933	19.33	2.083	12.25(.37)	.601
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.38(.18)	.056	2.26(.10)	.096	19.43	1.655	12.09(.13)	.469
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.04(.39)	1.967	54.46(.17)	1.969	41.93	3.030		
CaO <sup>2</sup>	0.57(.07)	.021	19.65(.44)	.761	6.17	.478		
TiO <sub>2</sub>							1.60(.09)	.039
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.72(.25)	.019	1.87(.15)	.053	4.01	.229	49.91(.33)	1.299
FeO	6.27(.08)	.180	2.97(.17)	.089	8.77	.530	23.76(.36)	.654
MnO					0.35	.022	0.40(.10)	.011
Total		3.994		4.006		8.027		3.075

RUN: T-1121, TP-40, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
Conditions: 1100 C, 35 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O			0.92(.05)	.064		
MgO	33.59(.26)	1.726	17.92(.24)	.965	19.34	2.063
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.30(.13)	.073	2.43(.23)	.103	21.37	1.803
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.97(.28)	1.964	54.40(.32)	1.965	42.14	3.016
CaO <sup>2</sup>	1.04(.19)	.038	20.02(.12)	.775	6.11	.469
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.26	.014
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.42(.06)	.011	0.95(.04)	.027	2.28	.129
FeO	6.17(.21)	.177	3.33(.07)	.100	8.19	.490
MnO					0.33	.020
Total		3.992		4.001		8.004

RUN: T-1121, TP-40C, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1100 C, 35 kb, 168 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O			1.07(.07)	.074				
MgO	33.69(.16)	1.732	18.07(.56)	.972	18.90	2.034	17.32	.815
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.70(.05)	.069	2.33(.25)	.099	19.31	1.643	15.18	.563
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.88(.15)	1.962	54.36(.32)	1.963	41.86	3.022		
CaO	0.93(.16)	.034	19.13(.55)	.740	6.97	.539		
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.34	.019	1.26	.029
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.79(.08)	.021	1.81(.13)	.051	4.75	.271	47.77	1.193
FeO	5.99(.14)	.172	3.22(.15)	.097	7.52	.454	18.12	.478
MnO					0.34	.021	0.40	.010
Total		3.992		3.998		8.002		3.091

RUN: T-1131, TP-40, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.16(.13)	.010	1.18(.06)	.082		
MgO	33.80(.64)	1.732	18.96(.14)	1.013	20.87	2.212
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.70(.27)	.109	3.63(.17)	.153	21.58	1.809
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.45(.32)	1.941	54.35(.12)	1.949	42.23	3.002
CaO	1.58(.09)	.058	17.62(.18)	.677	5.89	.449
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.38	.020
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.46(.02)	.012	1.00(.02)	.028	1.70	.095
FeO	4.82(.48)	.138	3.22(.25)	.096	7.13	.424
MnO					0.23	.014
Total		4.003		4.000		8.025

RUN: T-1131, TP-40C, Ag<sub>50</sub>Pd<sub>50</sub> capsule, Wet Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1200 C, 35 kb, 72 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.23(.20)	.015	1.44(.07)	.100				
MgO	32.71(.37)	1.685	18.74(.39)	1.003	20.25	2.165	24.50(4.4)	1.095
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.58(.19)	.105	3.39(.16)	.143	19.56	1.653	18.53(.51)	.655
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.09(.34)	1.939	54.13(.18)	1.944	42.32	3.034		
CaO	1.63(.12)	.060	16.86(.38)	.649	6.30	.484		
TiO <sub>2</sub>					0.22	.012	0.84(.21)	.019
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.18(.10)	.032	2.36(.21)	.067	3.95	.224	45.36(1.9)	1.075
FeO	5.56(.55)	.160	3.05(.32)	.091	7.17	.430	10.27(2.5)	.257
MnO					0.22	.014	0.50(.19)	.012
Total		3.999		4.000		8.015		3.115

RUN: T-1142, TP-40, Graphite-Pt- capsule, Buffer Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1300 C, 35 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			1.00(.12)	.069		
MgO	31.82(.28)	1.643	20.80(.66)	1.107	20.43	2.166
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.13(.09)	.127	4.01(.24)	.168	22.04	1.847
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.05(.26)	1.941	54.22(.24)	1.937	42.02	2.988
CaO	1.88(.19)	.069	14.27(.65)	.546	5.62	.423
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.11(.12)	.002	0.33	.018
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.50(.04)	.013	0.85(.06)	.024	2.15	.121
FeO	6.61(.10)	.191	4.67(.18)	.139	7.17	.427
MnO			0.03(.08)	.000	0.23	.014
Total		3.987		3.997		8.010

RUN: T-1142, TP-40C, Graphite-Pt-capsule, Buffer Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1300 C, 35 kb, 24 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.12(.11)	.008	1.26(.08)	.087				
MgO	31.92(.16)	1.649	19.54(.28)	1.046	19.31	2.064	15.77(.74)	.725
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.98(.09)	.121	3.80(.50)	.160	20.40	1.725	20.43(.57)	.742
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.81(.24)	1.934	53.78(.36)	1.931	42.02	3.014		
CaO	1.65(.09)	.061	15.32(.58)	.589	6.29	.484		
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.10(.13)	.002	0.34	.018	1.22(.09)	.028
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.17(.04)	.032	2.00(.10)	.056	4.05	.230	45.23(1.8)	1.103
FeO	6.34(.12)	.183	4.17(.16)	.125	7.34	.440	17.04(.44)	.439
MnO					0.24	.015	0.33(.21)	.008
Total		3.992		4.000		7.990		3.048

RUN: T-1141, TP-40, Graphite-Pt-capsule, Buffer Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1400 C, 35 kb, 8 hrs.

Phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.16(.13)	.010	0.77(.10)	.052		
MgO	30.77(.69)	1.592	23.24(.48)	1.229	20.49	2.166
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.29(.14)	.175	5.06(.36)	.211	22.37	1.870
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.14(.35)	1.915	53.82(.23)	1.909	42.15	2.989
CaO	2.52(.39)	.093	10.67(.59)	.405	5.51	.419
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.09(.12)	.002	0.36	.019
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.63(.01)	.017	0.80(.04)	.022	2.09	.117
FeO	6.48(.20)	.180	5.48(.12)	.162	6.73	.399
MnO			0.04(.09)	.001	0.30	.018
Total		3.993		3.997		7.998

UN: T-1141, T-40C, Graphite-Pt-capsule, Buffer Assemblage  
 Conditions: 1400 C, 35 kb, 8 hrs.

phases	opx		cpx		gt(max)		sp	
	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc	wt.%	struc
Ca <sub>2</sub> O	0.19(.16)	.012	0.97(.15)	.067				
CaO	30.67(.36)	1.592	22.44(.77)	1.192	20.16	<b>2.155</b>	18.28(.53)	.811
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.79(.49)	.155	4.07(.11)	.171	20.29	1.715	26.17(.83)	.918
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.89(.61)	1.912	53.78(.18)	1.917	41.73	2.992		
FeO <sup>2</sup>	2.62(.33)	.097	11.61(.35)	.443	6.29	.483		
TiO <sub>2</sub>			0.17(.09)	.004	0.41	.022	1.02(.09)	.022
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.42(.30)	.039	1.77(.11)	.049	3.85	.218	38.99(1.4)	.918
FeO <sup>3</sup>	6.42(.10)	.187	5.11(.25)	.152	6.96	.418	15.13(.33)	.376
MnO			0.08(.11)	.002	0.31	.019	0.41(.01)	.010
Total		3.997		4.000		8.020		3.058

## APPENDIX 7

Computer program for calculating pressure and temperature.

0001	"PT": CLEAR: USING	
0002	INPUT "SAMPLE ?"; V\$	key in sample no/description
0003	INPUT "Na2O opx="; N1	
0004	INPUT "MgO opx="; M1	
0005	INPUT "Al2O3 opx="; A1	
0006	INPUT "CaO opx="; C1	key in orthopyroxene data from structural formula
0007	INPUT "TiO2 opx="; T1	
0008	INPUT "Cr2O3 opx="; C0	
0009	INPUT "FeO opx="; F1	
0010	INPUT "MnO opx="; M0	
0011	INPUT "Na2O cpx="; N2	
0012	INPUT "MgO cpx="; M2	
0013	INPUT "Al2O3 cpx="; A2	
0014	INPUT "CaO cpx="; C2	key in clinopyroxene data from structural formula
0015	INPUT "TiO2 cpx="; T2	
0016	INPUT "Cr2O3 cpx="; C0	
0017	INPUT "FeO cpx="; F2	
0018	INPUT "MnO cpx="; M0	
0019	INPUT "MgO gt="; M3	
0020	INPUT "Al2O3 gt="; A3	
0021	INPUT "CaO gt="; C3	key in garnet data from structural formula
0022	INPUT "Cr2O3 gt="; C0	
0023	INPUT "FeO gt="; F3	
0024	INPUT "MnO gt="; M0	
0025	FO = F1/(F1+M1)	calculates Fe/(Fe+Mg)
0026	AO = (A1-CO-2xT1+N1)/2	opx Al in M1
0027	MA = 1-AO-CO-T1	(Mg,Fe,Mn) in M1
0028	M4 = MA x (M1/(M1+F1+M0))	Mg in M1
0029	MB = 1-C1-N1	(Mg,Fe,Mn) in M2
0030	M5 = MB x (M1/(M1+F1+M0))	Mg in M2
0031	F4 = MA x (F1/(M1+F1+M0))	Fe in M1
0032	AC = (A2-CC-2xT2+N2)/2	calculates Al in M1
0033	MD = 1-AC-CC-T2	cpx (Mg,Fe,Mn) in M1
0034	M6 = MD x (M2/(M2+F2+M0))	Mg in M1
0035	ME = 1-C2-N2	(Mg,Fe,Mn) in M2
0036	M7 = ME x (M2/(M2+F2+M0))	Mg in M2
0037	M8 = M3/(M3+F3+M0)	calculates Mg/(Mg+Fe+Mn)
0038	X1 = M3/(M3+F3+C3+M0)	gt X Mg gt
0039	X2 = C3/(M3+F3+C3+M0)	X Ca gt
0040	X3 = F3/(M3+F3+C3+M0)	X Fe gt
0041	X4 = A3/(A3+C0)	X Al gt
0042	X5 = C0/(A3+C0)	X Cr gt



0043	K1 = M6 x M7/(M4 x M5)	KD for therometry
0044	L1 = LN K1	ln KD
0045	TW = 7341/(3.355+2.44 x FO-L1)	T (Wells, 1977) in °K
0046	TC = TW-273	in °C

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0047	K2 = ((1-X2)*3) x (X4*2)/(MAx(MB*2) x AO)	KD Al-barometry
0048	L2 = LN K2	ln KD
0049	R2 = 1.987 x L2 x TW	RT ln KD
0050	V1 = -(183.3 + 178.98 x AO x (1-AO))	dVr
0051	W1 = 9000 x (X2*2)	3 W(CaMg) X Ca gt squared
0052	W2 = 7590 x X2 x X3	3 W(CaMg-FeCa) XFe XCa(gt)
0053	W3 = 90853 - 52.1 x TW	dG rec
0054	W4 = W3 x X2 x X5	XCa XCr dGrec
0055	W5 = 3400 x (2 x (X5*2)-(M4 x CO))	W(CrAl) 2XCr gt sq.-MgM1 Cr
0056	W6 = 5157 x (M4 x F4)	W(FeAl) MgM1 FeM1
0057	G1 = 3.23 x TW - 6047	dH-TdS
0058	G2 = R2+W1+W2+W4+W5-W6+G1	RT ln KD+nonideal terms+dH-
0059	P1 = -G2/V1	P(kb) Al-barometer

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0060	K3 = ((1-X2*3) x X4 x X5)/(MA x (MB*2)x CO)	
0061	K3 = K3*2	KD Cr-barometry
0062	L3 = LN K3	ln KD
0063	R3 = 1.987 x L3 x TW	RT ln KD
0064	V2 = -392.1 + 1346 x CO x (1-CO)	dVr
0065	W1 = W1 x 2	6W*CaMg) XCa(gt) sq.
0066	W2 = W2 x 2	6W(CaMg-FeCa)XFe XCa(gt)sq.
0067	W4 = W3 x X2	XCa(gt) dGrec
0068	W5 = 6800 x ((X4*2)+(X5*2)-(M4 x AO))	2W(CrAl)(XAl XCr(gt)sq.-MgM1
0069	W6 = W6 x 2	2W(FeAl) MgM1 FeM1
0070	G3 = 10.51 x TW - 17716	dH - TdS
0071	G4 = R3+W1+W2+W4+W5-W6+G3	RT ln KD+nonideal+dH-TdS
0072	P2 = -G4/V2	P(kb) Cr-barometer

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0073  LPRINT " Estimates for"
0074  LPRINT V$
0075  IF TC>850 GOTO 0077
0076  LPRINT "          WARNING: T-estimate below calibrated range"
0077  LF 1
0078  USING "#####.##"
0079  USING "#####.##"
0080  LPRINT "          "; T(C)";" P(KB)"
0081  LPRINT "Al-Barom";TC;P1
0082  LPRINT "Cr-Barom";TC;P2
0083  PM=(P1+P2)/2
0084  IF AO<0.01 AND CO<0.005 GOTO 91
0085  IF AO<0.01 THEN LET PM=P2
0086  IF CO<0.005 THEN LET PM=P1
0087  LF 1
0088  LPRINT "Estimate";TC;PM
0089  LF 2
0090  END
0091  LPRINT "Sorry"
0092  USING
0093  LPRINT "Al and Cr too low"
0094  LPRINT "Unreliable estimate"
0095  LPRINT "Numerical values"
0096  LPRINT TC,PM
0097  END

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APPENDIX 8

Conversion table of sample numbers used in the text to Tasmania University  
collection numbers.

Sample number in text	Tas.Uni. collection number.	Sample number in text	Tas.Uni. collection number
BM-54	64100	LE-00	64135
BM-69	64101	LE-50	64136
BM-99	64102	LE-532	47532
BM-160	64103	LE-539	47539
BM-9	64104	LE-2664	47611
BM-15	64105	LE-2641	47609
BM-27	64106	LE-67	64137
BM-58	64107	LE-68	64138
BM-62	64108	LE-4	64139
BM-74	64109	LE-19	64140
BM-134	64110	LE-544	47544
BM-139	64111	LE-2662	47614
BM-147	64112	LE-27	64141
BM-161	64113		
BM-166	64114		
BM-167	64115		
BM-48	64116		
BM-144	64117		
BM-162	64118		
BM-143	64119		
BM-47	64120		
BM-154	64121		
BM-137	64122		
BM-18	64123		
BM-51	64124		
BM-135	64125		
BM-142	64126		
BM-152	64127		
BM-163	64128		
BM-117	64129		
BM-156	64130		
BM-109	64131		
BM-114	64132		
BM-116	64133		
BM-168	64134		
BMH-9	64142		

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